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The Crime the Cyberburglars Weave a Web Around Globe

Computer Espionage Booms As Rivals and Governments **Target Corporate Databases**

> By Tom Buerkle International Herald Tribune

LONDON — They are the ultimate corporate nightmares of the information age: A laptop computer containing plans for a product introduction disappears during a weekend strategy session. An executive targeted by downsizing seeks revenge by shopping the company's trade secrets to com-petitors. A skilled hacker wanders undetected through a company's most sensitive databases after stealing passwords with software downloaded from the Internet.

The spread of high technology from computerrelated industries to traditional manufacturing to services such as banking has been a double-edged sword for business. Knowledge today is a more powerful and more valuable asset than ever before, but it is also more difficult to control.

As a result, companies and individuals are increasingly employing tactics reminiscent of Cold War espionage to get sensitive information, or to prevent their trade secrets from getting into enemy hands. The recent U.S. investigation into the possibility that a U.S. subsidiary of Reuters Holdings PLC employed a consultant to take proprietary information from Bloomberg LP has put corporate sleuthing under a spotlight.

'The requirement to get a competitive edge is getting greater and greater, and people will go to extreme lengths to get that competitive edge," said Richard Blaksley, managing director of the London office of Kroll Associates, a U.S.-based firm specializing in corporate intelligence.

Much of the activity goes undetected, and many corporate victims are unwilling to disclose their losses for fear of negative publicity, but experts in industry and law enforcement agree that business espionage is both big and booming.

The potential loss to corporate America from the theft of intellectual property may amount to more than \$300 billion a year, according to a recent survey of Fortune 1,000 companies and the 300 fastest-growing U.S. companies that was conducted by the American Society for Industrial Security. The chief targets were high-tech industries such as computers, computer software and semiconductors, followed by other knowl-

edge-based industries such as pharmaceuticals. U.S. companies say the bulk of the poaching is done by domestic competitors, while the redera Bureau of Investigation has warned of increased espionage by companies and governments from

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When Athletes Say: Make Sports, Not War



Political rivalry and international hostility can fade in time, especially in the sports arena. That was demonstrated Tuesday in Tehran, above, with U.S. wrestlers marching to applause in the first appearance by American athletes in Iran since the revolution in 1979 and the first time since then that the Star-Spangled Banner has been treated with respect rather than rage. In Japan, below, women skaters from four enemies in the Korean War during the 1950s — left to right, the United States, North Korea, South Korea and China — competing in the Olympics.



A 'Complicated Story,' Clinton's Spokesman Says

By Brian Knowlton

ional Herald Tribian WASHINGTON -- As the grand jury investigating the Monica Lewinsky case resumed its deliberations Tuesday, President Bill Clinton's chief spokesman said that the relationship between the president and the former intern could be 'a very complicated story' that might

not be "entirely easy to explain." The comments, from a Chicago

Tribune interview with the spokesman, Michael McCurry, came as a retired Secret Service officer, Lewis Fox, went before the grand jury looking into allegations that Mr. Clinton had an affair with Ms. Lewinsky and then urged her

to lie about it under oath. . Mr. Fox became the first former or present Secret Service officer to go before the grand jury, and he testified for two hours under an agreement limiting the areas of questioning.

The importance of his appearance was unclear, however. He had been quoted last week as saying that he had seen Mr. Clinton and Ms. Lewinsky together alone in the Oval Office on a Saturday afternoon in 1995, but later his attorney said Mr. Fox could not be sure

that no one else was present. Steve Goodin, a White House aide who until recently served as Mr. Clinton's personal assistant, was the next witness to be called before the grand jury.

Mr. McCurry, speaking after the publication of the Tribune interview Tuesday, said: "Only fools answer hypothetical questions." He said he could not disown his statements, but added with chagrin: "I said what I said, I just

shouldn't have said it."
Neither Mr. Clinton nor anyone else at the White House has chastised Mr. McCurry for the remarks, the spokes-

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Clinton Tells Iraq It Must Comply

President Says Military Action Is 'Sometimes the Only Answer'

By Brian Knowlton

WASHINGTON -- President Bill Clinton issued a stern and uncompromising warning Tuesday to Iraq, saying that if it does not comply fully with all United Nations resolutions and permit unrestricted inspections of suspected weapons sites, the United States will launch a military attack.

Force can never be the first answer," he said, speaking solemnly. But sometimes it's the only answer. Mr. Clinton tempered his comments by saying that a diplomatic solution

emained his strong preference. "Saddam Hussein could end this crisis tomorrow," he said, "simply by letting the UN inspectors complete their

Vice President Al Gore, appearing with Mr. Clinton, emphasized that "we're working around the clock to pursue a possible diplomatic solution." Mr. Clinton appeared to be preparing the American public for a military strike, with the diplomatic and human

costs that would entail. After receiving a briefing by top Pentagon officials on the American deployment in the Gulf region, he said the military was ready to carry out its mission. "The American people have to be ready as well," he added.

Speaking at the Pentagon to an array

of the nation's top military, political and national security leaders, he said that a diplomatic solution was still available, but only if it met "a clear, immutable, reasonable, simple standard.

"Iraq must agree, and soon, to free, full, unfettered access to these sites, anywhere in the country," he said. Mr. Clinton referred to the scores of presidential palaces and other sensitive

France urges last push for a diplomatic solution. • Bombs may target Iraqi security apparatus. Page 11.

sites that Iraq has refused to open to the weapons inspectors of the United Nations Special Commission, or Unscom. There can be no dilution or diminution of the integrity of the inspection

system that Unscom has put in place, Mr. Clinton said. If Mr. Saddam refuses those terms, or if he delays, Mr. Clinton said, "he and he alone will be to blame for the con-

sequences. Defense Secretary William Cohen said Monday that the United States was sending up to 6,000 more soldiers to Kuwait. The deployment would bring the number of U.S. ground troops in the Gulf region to about 10,000.

Mr. Clinton's speech came as far

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Flouting IMF, Suharto Fires Central Banker

Move Exposes Deep Rift Over Currency Plan

By Keith B. Richburg Washington Post Service

at Subarto fire the independent-minded governor of Indonesia's central bank Tuesday, exposing deep fissures in the country's ruling circle over economic policy and sending a signal that the president intended to press ahead with a plan to peg the battered local currency to the U.S. dollar over the objections of the United States and the International Monetary Fund.

Sudradjad Djiwandono, governor of Bank Indonesia, was "terminated with respect," according to a terse statement from the presidential palace handed down late in the day. He was succeeded by Sjahril Sabirin, who was with the World Bank in Washington before returning here in December to become one of the directors of the central bank.

Mr. Sudradiad was at his home Tuesday night but declined to comment on his dismissal, a family member said. Mr. Sudradiad was considered among

economists to be a leading opponent of Mr. Suharto's plan to set up a "currency

board" that would peg the rupiah to the dollar - a drastic measure that, if implemented, would virtually strip the central bank of its powers. The IMF has threatened to withhold \$43 billion in aid to the country if the proposal is adopted.

Mr. Sudradjad also incurred the wrath of Mr. Subarto's well-connected children several months ago, first by refusing a \$1.26 billion line of credit to

Indonesia has lost its leadership position in Southeast Asia. Page 13.

an automobile company run by the president's son Tommy, then by closing 16 banks and finance companies considered insolvent — one of which was owned by another Suharto son, Bambang Trihatmodjo. Tommy Suharto did get a credit line, but only half as much as he had requested, and Bambang Trihatmodio's bank was closed but managed to reopen under another name. Mr. Bambang and a daughter of Mr.

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EU's Dream for the Euro Edges Closer to Reality

But New Currency Still Seems 'Remote' to Many

By Barry James International Herald Tribune

BRUSSELS - In Paris's 12th arrondissement, the planned European single currency, the euro, has finally come down to the consumer level.

The traders in the local street market, many of them North Africans, donned caps bearing the European Union logo on a recent weekend and wrapped products in bags of blue and gold, the European colors. Stores and restaurants have started to display some prices in euros, and school children are taking part

Prize, a trip to the house of Jean Monnet, the father of the European Union. And when the town hall offered a seminar on the euro for local business people, more than 300 signed up.

The euro has been badly prepared

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from the public's point of view," said Erick Orblin, a mayoral aide, who acknowledged that the task of popularizing the new currency was likely to be long and hard.
"It seems too remote," he said. "Or-

dinary people should not be the last wheel on the wagon. It is time to move this issue away from the the-oretical." COUNTDOWN TO THE EURO

The EU's plan for monetary union, in fact, is due to take a big step from theory to reality in about two and a half months. On May 2, heads of govern-ment will meet in Brussels to decide which countries will in a euro painting competition: first adopt the currency and to appoint a head

will begin operations July 1. They also will lock in the rates at which national currencies will be converted to the euro.

of the European central bank that is to

A debate is raging in Germany, and to a lesser extent elsewhere, as to whether the euro project should go ahead May 2. More than 150 German economics professors signed an open letter recently urging an "orderly postponement" of the project because structural problems, such as high unemployment, will make it difficult for governments to meet the necessary economic criteria.

Their demand is likely to go unheeded, however, because it is clear that monetary union is as much a political as an economic process. Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany, who has staked his reputation on the success of monetary union, told the Bundestag last

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SWEET VICTORY - Karyn Bye of the U.S. women's hockey team cheering Tuesday after winning the gold medal over Canada. Page 21.

AGENDA Stocks Enjoy Trans-Atlantic Rally

U.S. stocks rose into record territory Tuesday as traders cheered falling interest rates. Stocks benefited from a rise in

bonds — which lowered their yields - after President Suharto fired the governor of the Indone-

sian central bank and a Federal Reserve Board report suggested that the slowdown in Asia was starting to curb U.S. growth.

The report showed industrial

Frankfurt, Zurich, Madrid and Brussels to finish at record highs, which further fed the rise in New York. Page 15.

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone capital, where life was returning (Reuters) - Armed men are holding five European missionaries in northeastern Sierra Le-

Missionaries Held in Sierra Leone

In contrast to the spreading one, where junta forces fleeing peacekeeping troops are reported to be on the rampage, church officials said Tuesday. The officials reported widespread attacks by marauding solan army coup in May.

diers who had fled Freetown, the

to normal after Nigerian-led peacekeepers ousted Sierra Leone's military rulers on Friday.

production fell in January for the

first time in 15 months. Traders

said that indicated that short-term

interest rates would remain low. Takeover news also propelled

Wall Street's leap led bench-

mark indexes in London, Paris,

violence in the interior, civil servants in Freetown started returning to work and some businesses reopened for the first time since Earlier article, Page 6.

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South African Whites Wary of a 'Second Revolution'

By Lynne Duke Wushington Post Service

JOHANNESBURG — Winnie Madikizela-Mandela had this to say to white South African business leaders: The writing is on the wall.

A "second revolution" is sweeping South Africa, she said in a speech at a business breakfast last week. The concerns of the black majority inevitably will become central in the white-dominated economy and workplace, and whites must decide whether they will create change or fight it.

The truth and reality in South Africa today is no

longer European or white, but African and more often black," she said. "Unless the African is placed at the center of transformation and the national agenda, our country will not be stable or productive." No smiles could be found in the room of white faces,

for though Mrs. Madikizela-Mandela is often a renegade figure in the ruling African National Congress, her words picked up themes recently sounded by the party's mainstream leaders. But David Gleason, editor of a financial magazine, was pleased. Calling the speech the plainest talk yet on what is meant by "transformation," he quipped: "Frankly, it's a good thing we finally heard it. Now we can really have a fight."

Thus, in microcosm, the battle lines around the policy known as "transformation" are drawn. After months of creeping repolarization of the racial discourse here, a shrill and brittle debate is gaining steam over just how President Nelson Mandela's government will transform a society still defined by racial division and entrenched racial inequality.

Nearly four years after the nation's first all-races election, won by the mostly black ANC, the debate cuts to the core of Mr. Mandela's effort to create what he calls a national consensus on the need for an equitable

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Supreme Court Hearings Deepen Canada's Rift

By Howard Schneider Washington Post Service

TTAWA - For 400 years, the people of this northern land have argued over the place French culture has in the country called Canada. Over the past 30 years, they have fought over whether the mostly French-speaking province of Quebec should settle the matter for good by becoming an independent state.

Canada's Supreme Court has opened an extraordinary week of hearings that began by delving into the philosophical and legal roots of nationhood, and could end with the court specifying some ground.

could end with the court specifying some ground rules for the country's disintegration.

It is a hearing that has sparked strong feelings throughout Canada, and that, as part of the dance that goes on between Quebec separatists and the rest of the country, is characterized as either a high-minded exercise in constitutional democracy, or a base ploy by Ottawa to convince Quebecois that they would be breaking the law if they tried to secede.

It is also proof that this country has made little if any progress toward reconciliation since an October 1995 referendum in which Quebec separatists came within a few thousand votes of a victory that would have set the stage for their own declaration of

If anything, relations are at a low ebb. Even some pro-Canada forces in Quebec are angry about the federal government's use of the Supreme Court for what they feel are blatantly political ends; meanwhile, the province's separatist prime minister, Lucien Bouchard, is riding high in public opinion for his management of the recent ice-storm, and his followers have been bashing Ottawa for everything from refusing to pay for storm cleanup to not providing enough French at Team Canada's opening Olympic ceremony in Nagano, Japan.

There is even speculation that Mr. Bouchard, a master of well-timed political gambits, might stage a provincial election and follow-up referendum as early as this spring, though continuing budget problems and coming labor negotiations make that less likely.

'There is a lot of tension in the air," said Yves Fortier, the lead lawyer for the federal government in the Supreme Court hearings.

is an unusual proceeding that is by no means a legal "case" of the sort that courts usually decide. To begin with, the issue is, in some fundamental sense, beyond the court's reach: Imagine the U.S. Supreme Court in the 1860s telling the Confederacy it was unconstitutional to fire on Fort Sumter.

Additionally, there is no actual dispute for the court to decide. Rather, the hearings are part of the court's practice of occasionally accepting what are in essence hypothetical "references" that ask for non-binding guidance on Canada's constitution.

In this instance, the federal government a year and a half ago asked the nine-member panel to answer a series of questions about any move by Quebec to separate - namely whether, either under Canada's constitution or international law. Ouebec could leave Canada unilaterally, without the agreement of either the federal government or the other provinces, or a constitutional amendment to authorize it.



Quebec's separatist leader, Lucien Bouchard, has urged the court to leave Ottawa's questions unanswered.

The federal government argues that the answer is no, and that any separation would require the involvement of the entire country, and a constitutional amendment approved by the rest of Canada.

Quebec, in another demonstration of the divide on this issue, has refused even to participate in the hearings on the grounds that the province's sov-ereignty "project" is a political issue for Quebecois to decide on their own. The terms of separation could perhaps be negotiated with the rest of Canada - that is what separatist leaders have said is their intent - but it certainly will not be governed by the strictures of a constitution that the province has never even ratified.

Mr. Bouchard emphasized that in a speech before a cheering crowd at the University of Montreal last week when he urged the court to leave the government's questions unanswered, or risk losing legitimacy in the eyes of Quebecois who feel the whole thing is a political ploy to intimidate them.

Ottawa is asking judges it appoints unilaterally to rule on a constitution it imposed unilaterally so it can unilaterally oppose democracy," Mr. Bouchard said. "The right to choose — their government or their future — belongs to the Quebecois. It does not belong to the government.

That sentiment is shared by many federalists in Quebec as well, and their willingness to say so publicly has raised concerns that what looked like a strong ploy by Prime Minister Jean Chretien to stand up for Canada may backfire. In recent days, Liberal Party colleagues of Mr. Chretien have said the Supreme Court take, and that the issue of the province's status should be left to residents to de-

officials Federal retort that the country's future is too important not to understand the rules of the game as thoroughly as possible.
"We need to have

a clear process, within a legal framework, within a clear procedure," said Stephane Dion, Canada's minister for intergovernmental affairs. "I not lose Canada through con-

fusion.'' The very existence of the case is part of the harder line toward sovereignty movement that Ott-

awa has slowly adopted since the 1995 referendum. largely ignoring the separatist threat in advance of that vote -

and nearly losing the country - Mr. Chretien now has government lawyers developing arguments about the conditions under which a country's authority over its territory take precedent over demands by individual groups for "self-determination."

A host of other parties, including representatives from several provinces, Indian groups and others, will make presentations during the week. At the end of the week, a court-appointed lawyer will present Quebec's case in the province's absence, arguing that under international law, a vote by Quebec to secede should be respected.

decision is not expected until the summer or the fall. Even then, it is unclear what practical effect the court's advice will have. Even as Mr. Fortier and other government lawyers delve into the arcana of international law, they acknowledge, along with politicians such as Mr. Dion, that if Quebecois make a clear political decision to leave Canada, they will be allowed to do so.

Having won a referendum, for example, no separatist leader in Quebec is likely to defer to the Canadian Supreme Court; conversely, most analysts say it is improbable that, having lost a referendum, a Canadian prime minister would call on the military, for example, to enforce the constitution.

'Canada does not question or contest the right of Quebecois to decide their future," Mr. Fortier told the court, "including whether they choose to stay in Canada or separate."

Firms F Martha Gellhorn Dies, Journalist and Novelist

Maverick Champion Of Ordinary People

By Rick Lyman
New York Times Service

Martha Ellis Gellhorn, 89, who as one of the first female war correspondents covered a dozen major conflicts in a writing career that lasted 60 years, died Sunday at her home in London.

Ms. Gellhorn was a cocky, raspyvoiced, chain-smoking maverick who saw herself as a champion of ordinary people trapped in conflicts created by the rich and the powerful. That she was famous to many people largely for her five-year marriage to Ernest Heming-way, from 1940 to 1945, was a source of unending irritation to her, especially when critics tried to find parallels between her lean writing style and that of her more famous husband.

Why should I be a footnote to somebody else's life?" she bitterly asked in an interview, pointing out that she had written two novels before meeting Hemingway and continued writing for almost a half-century after leaving him. As a journalist, Ms. Gellhorn had no

use for the notion of objectivity. The chief point of going to cover anything, she felt, was so you could tell what you saw, contradict the lies and let the bad guys have it.

Though best known for her ground-breaking journalism, Ms. Gellhorn was also an accomplished fiction writer, author of 5 novels, 14 novellas and 2 collections of short stories, many of which were based on people and incidents she encountered during her prodigious travels.

Fresh out of Bryn Mawr College in 1927, she began writing for the New Republic, then became a crime reporter in Albany, New York, then traveled to

Later, she met Harry Hopkins, President Franklin D. Roosevelt's confidant, and talked her way into a job with the New Deal, wandering America and writing about the effects of the Great Depression on ordinary people. She went to Spain in 1937 with noth-

ing but a knapsack and \$50, covered the conflict for Collier's Weekly and became Hemingway's lover. She covered the blitz in London. On

D-Day, she stowed away on a hospital ship and snuck ashore as a stretcher bearer. She got British pilots to let her ride along on night bombing raids over Germany. When the Allies liberated Dachau, she was there.

Behind the barbed wire and the electric fence," she wrote of her visit to Dachau, "the skeletons sat in the sun and searched themselves for lice. They have no age and no faces; they all look alike and like nothing you will ever see, it vou are lucky.

She covered Russia's war against Finland in 1939, trekked across China with Hemingway in 1940, and became increasingly critical of the United States, which she saw as a "colonial power," eventually settling abroad for good. She covered Vietnam, Nicaraguan contras, the Arab-Israeli conflict and the U.S. invasion of Panama at the age of 81. It was only when war came to Bosnia-Herzegovina that she gave it a pass.

"Too old," she said. "You have to be nimble for war."

Ms. Gellhorn's war correspondence was collected in "The Face of War" in 1959, but the book was later updated to include fresh conflicts. She always focused on foot soldiers and civilians, ignoring the generals.



Martha Gellhorn, in a 1943 photo. covered wars for more than 60 years.

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Among her novels were "A Stricken Field" (1940), set among refugees in Prague just before the Nazi invasion: and "Liana" (1944) about the marriage of a mulatto woman and a rich white man in the French Caribbean.

Many reviewers felt Ms. Gellhom was even more successful as a writer of novellas, and she was highly praised for "The Weather in Africa" (1988), three novellas set on that continent, and "The Novellas of Martha Gellhorn" (1993).

She was not without her critics, particularly political conservatives who sometimes painted her as a left-leaning dilettante. Some criticized her vivid journalism as being stylistically too much like fiction and her terse fiction as being stylistically too much like jour-nalism. But in the end, her longevity and the compelling pull of her life story overrode such criticisms.

Ms. Gellhorn's father was a prominent doctor in St. Louis with progressive notions and her mother, whom she adored, was a suffragette and energetic social reformer. Her father pulled her out of a convent school when he discovered the nuns were teaching female anatomy with a textbook that had its pictures covered over, and transferred her to a progressive school of which her mother was a co-founder. The school; which was co-educational, scandalized the conservative community. "You'd have thought she was trying to open a brothel," Ms. Gellhorn said later.

Her first marriage, in 1933 to Ber-trand de Jouvenel, a French pacifist who was also the writer Coleffe's son-in-law; ended in divorce.

In 1936, she wandered into a bar in Key West and met Hemingway. They drank, became friends and, the next year they met again in Madrid. They married in 1940; she was Hemingway's third arife She left him in 1945, was the left him in 1945. wife. She left him in 1945, walking out after an argument at London's Dorchester Hotel.

Ms. Gelihorn's third marriage, to 1.5. Matthews, an editor at Time magazine, also ended in divorce. She told interviewers she just found married life too

She wrote on an old, battered typewriter and had to quit in 1992 when a cataract operation left her with diminished eyesight and she felt she was too old to learn how to dictate.

She chain-smoked, drank and ate what she pleased. "It bores me, all that health stuff." she said. She told one woman who interviewed her late in life that "this conversation is so boring I think I'm going to faint."

But she told the same interviewer that she didn't mind getting old. "It gives \$ you the freedom to do and say what you

Jacques Robert, French Resistance Leader, Dies at 83 Anthony Le Vier, 84, a test pilot who wartime novel "Storms of Steel," in

Jacques Robert, 83, a key leader of

the French Resistance in World War II, died Feb. 8. Mr. Robert, born in Paris, was decorated for bravery in action during the

German invasion in 1940. In August 1940, he joined the Resistance. He came to the attention of Gilbert Renault, the highest-ranking secret agent inside France for General

Charles de Gaulle, the Free French lead-

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wrote later that Phratrie was "the most extraordinary" network. Ernst Juenger, 102.

Writer Opposed Hitler

BERLIN (AP) - Ernst Juenger, 102, World War I veteran who celebrated the Prussian military and attacked democracy in his influential early novels, yet went on to become a quiet opponent of Hitler, died Tuesday in Wilflingen, a village near Lake Constance in southern Germany.

Mr. Juenger remained a controversial figure, loved and despised for his rightwing views and his mysticism.
His best-known work was the 1920

which he celebrated his experiences in the trenches and the military virtues of conquest and sacrifice.

Lord Granville of Eye, the oldest member of the House of Lords, died in London on Saturday two days after celebrating his 100th birthday. He was elected to Parliament for the Liberal Party in 1929. He remained in the House of Commons until 1951, and was made a life peer in 1967. Fernando Abril Martorell, 61, a

former deputy prime minister in Spain's first post-dictatorship government, died Monday in Madrid of lung cancer.

helped pioneer the development of U.S. jet fighters in the 1940s and '50s and who made the first test flights of the U-2 spy plane, died Feb. 6 in Glendale, California. Thomas Chapin, 40, one of the more

exuberant jazz saxophonists and band leaders, died Friday at Rhode Island Hospital in Providence of complications from leukemia.

Leonard K.C. Ho, president of Golden Harvest (HK) Ltd., one of Asia's largest film studios, died Monday of a heart attack in Hong Kong. He was in his 60s.

TRAVEL UPDATE

Greek Farmers End Road Blockade

ATHENS (AP) - Thousands of farmers removed their barricades from the country's main highways Tuesday after failing in a month-long bid to force higher subsidies out of the

Prime Minister Costas Simitis refused to bow to farmers' demands, saying they would have cost Greece close to 1 trillion drachmas (\$3.5 billion) and endangered the country's relations with the European Union. Other demands included lower prices for fuel and an amnesty for some debts to state agricultural banks.

Vatican to Build 6-Story Garage

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Strapped for parking space, the Vatican has joined forces with the city of Rome in building a six-story underground garage to help handle the millions of extra visitors expected for year 2000 celebrations.

Fire Shuts Rio's Domestic Airport RIO DE JANEIRO (Reuters) — Rio's domestic Santos

Dumont Airport was not expected to resume its busy shuttle service to Sao Paulo for at least two months after a fire damaged its main terminal last week, Globo TV said Monday.

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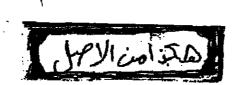
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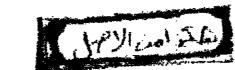
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that would have been unthinkable a patients overcome their problems. few years ago, the pharmaceutical industry is increasingly marketing mental health drugs directly to con-

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Spokesmen for the industry add that patients are protected because only a doctor can write a prescription. But critics say patients who are In a break with past practice, influenced by the marketing prowhich was simply to advertise in grams may seek out doctors who medical magazines and pitch to docthat are not right for them.

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self-medication and invasion of privacy may apply to any patient taking

approaching patients directly. Eli Lilly & Co. said recently that it would

ways to collect the names of people with mental health problems, as well as other information about them -data that can be used for marketing purposes. Janssen Pharmaceutica, for example, urges visitors to its Internet site to register for updates on psychiatry and schizophrenia "relevant to your personal interests."

In a related program, Janssen, a unit of Johnson & Johnson, urged

In the most aggressive example of companies said the aim was to ners" to use the information, which provide patients with information the company said it would use to that they could discuss with their develop products and services.

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> In a second approach, a number of drug companies are finding new approach approach are finding new approach are finding ment right," said Jeffrey Trewhitt, Another tactic involves drugs for an official of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, a trade group in Washington.

Dr. Eist of the American Psy-Lilly has sponsored the most ex- chiatric Association said he did not tensive of the campaigns for its anti-depressant Prozac, which had sales but said the collection of information object to advertising of such drugs of more than \$1.9 billion last year.

Some Prozac ads have included

on patients was "egregiously intrusive." He called the drug companies ive." He called the drug companies

Maternity Benefits for U.S. Mothers

Are Called Least Generous in World

By Kirstin Grimslev

WASHINGTON — The maternity and nursing benefits

given to working mothers in the United States are the least generous in the industrialized world, according to a report released by the International Labor Organization, a United

Nations agency.

The report, which reviewed maternity leave and health benefits mandated by law in 152 countries, found that about 80

percent of the countries offered paid maternity leave to

workers. About a third of the countries permitted the leaves to

Hungary, for example, gives 24 weeks of paid maternity

leave, while Italy offers five months. Canada gives 17 weeks,

In the United States, the only law mandating maternity leave is the Family and Medical Leave Act, passed in 1993, which permits workers to take as much as 12 weeks unpaid

leave for a variety of medical conditions, including childbirth.

Many American women, however, work for companies that

States and elsewhere is a reflection of American laissez-faire

political attitudes, said Alfred Kahn, a Columbia University

"We have a very strong industrial lobby and weak labor unions, and it has only been recently that the country has

Kristin Hogarth, a spokeswoman for the National Fed-

eration of Independent Business, said the government should not mandate maternity leave policies. "We feel like the government shouldn't be telling small business owners how to

run their businesses," she said.

Ms. Hogarth added that many of the countries with costly

enefits consequently suffered economic problems.

absorbed the fact that most women are working," he said.

professor who studies comparative social policies.

The disparity between maternity benefits in the United

voluntarily offer their workers some paid maternity leave.

and Spain and Romania each allow 16 weeks.

last for more than 14 weeks.

No Break for Mom got a grand total of zero votes. Democrats Struggle With Race

TALLAHASSEE, Florida - The workday had come to an end, and state Representative Willie Logan was preparing to leave his office when he got an e-mail last month that sent him into a tailspin: Democrats had called a meeting for the next day to remove him from his lead-

POLITICAL NOTES

Christians Pick Their Crusader

WASHINGTON — The Christian Coalition has polled its leadership and decided that Senator John Ashcroft.

Republican of Missouri, should be the next president and

that the Republican governor of Arkansas, Mike Huckabee

should be his vice president. As for the Democrats, they should just forget about the next presidential election.

The poll of 65 Christian Coalition state chairmen and

other top officials was conducted recently during the group's conference in Virginia Beach. They were given a

list of about 45 names, Republicans, Democrats, inde-

pendents, "basically every candidate whose name has been

Mr. Ashcroft, who was named first or second choice on

29 ballots, was the clear winner, followed by Mr. Hucka-

bee with 16 first- or second-place mentions. Other top

vote-getters, all Republicans, were Steve Forbes and Representative J.C. Watts Jr. of Oklahoma, with 15 votes

each, Governor George Bush of Texas, with 10, and former Vice President Dan Quayle, with eight,

The Missouri senator also no doubt enhanced his

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appear to these Christian activists with his early and stinging criticism of President Bill Clinton over the sex and perjury allegations surrounding him.

The coalition was careful to include Democratic names, including Vice President Al Gore. The Democratic

bandied about in the media." a coalition official said.

ership position in the Florida House of Representatives. The next day, without debate or explanation, the House Democratic Caucus voted to surp Mr. Logan — who would have become the first black House speaker in Florida's history, should Democrats regain their majority — of his title. Mr. Logan and 13 other black members of the caucus angrily stomped out before the vote was

Less than a year earlier, Mr. Logan had been installed as speaker-designate and caucus leader amid much pomp and circumstance. His ouster has infuriated Florida blacks, who said Democrats had pulled the plug because

The episode has added to the troubles of the Democratic Party in a state it once dominated, and has un-derscored the difficulty it is having, particularly in the South, attracting white voters while holding on to blacks and traditional constituencies, analysts said. (WP)

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Barry McCaffrey, head of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, on the declaration by the House speaker, Newt Gingrich, Republican of Georgia, that the administration's long-term plan to reduce illegal drug use was dead on arrival in Congress: "I'm sympathetic to partisan wrangling and know that Newt Gingrich is looking for issues for the midterm election, but that's not what I signed up to do. I'm afraid he's going to do a disservice to a comprehensive strategy. I think the American people deserve better than a hasty, partisan response from Newt Gingrich."

Away From Politics

· A former Naval Academy midshipman who confessed to helping her fiancé kill his onetime lover, then tearfully told a jury she was not involved, has been found guilty of murder. Diane Zamora, 20, received a life sen-

• Two teenage sisters accused of setting a fire outside their parents' bedroom in Little Rock, Arkansas, were charged with capital murder for the blaze that killed their father and injured their mother. (AP)

· One of six women who accused the army's former top enlisted soldier of sexuai misconduct said she came forward only after she was ordered to do so and was granted immunity from prosecution. Major Michelle Gunzelman was to return to the stand as the court-martial of former Sergeant Major Gene McKinney entered its third week.

 Flooding closed schools and highways in parts of Florida after two days of storms that pounded the Gulf Coast states with tornadoes, high wind and rain. (AP)



The bailiff, left, walking Diane Zamora into the courtroom in Fort Worth, Texas.

Found guilty of capital murder, she will be eligible for parole after 40 years.

By Katharine Q. Seelye

New York Times Service WASHINGTON - Blacks have always provided one of the most reliable bases of support for President Bill Clinton, and black political leaders have been an impravering constitution.

When reports first surfaced more than three weeks ago that Mr. Clinton might have been sexually involved with a president's usual allies faltered. Wom-White House intern, a number of the Democrats did not step forward. Even the trusty vice president, Al Gore, was slow to muster a robust defense.

While many of these allies have since rallied around the president — and his job-approval rating is as a limit black politicians never hesitated to

demonstrate their support.
When the scandal broke on Jan. 21, many black members of Congress immediately called the White House to see how they could help.

Representative John Conyers Jr. of abiding sensitivity to racial matters. He Michigan, the ranking Democrat on the won 84 percent of the black vote in the House Judiciary Committee, was instrumental in the earliest counterattack strategy against Kenneth Starr, the independent counsel investigating Mr. Clinton. And when the president stepped into the House chamber on Jan.

message, black members of Congress lined the aisle to show their support.

"It's almost a spiritual thing," said Representative John Lewis, a Georgia Democrat and a leader in the civil-rights movement. "This president has stood with us. I hate to use trite sayings, but he feels what we feel. This president understands African-Americans better than any other president in modern times. He comes to the black churches. He can sing the songs without even

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looking at the hymnal." Mr. Clinton's support among black political leaders is echoed throughout the black population. Many blacks have long felt a spiritual kinship with Mr. Clinton, a son of the South with an

won 84 percent of the black vote in the 1996 presidential election - even after he had signed legislation slashing welfare benefits.

Black support for Mr. Clinton remained strongly in evidence in the early days of the sex scandal. The New York Times/CBS News Poll found that after the reports first surfaced - but before the State of the Union message, when public approval generally began to climb - 81 percent of blacks approved of the job he was doing, compared with

52 percent of whites. Of course, Mr. Clinton's policies have generally helped members of minorities. Supporters can point to his appointing several blacks to the cabinet, advocating a raise in the minimum wage, making college affordable and defending affirmative action. Although many blacks on Capitol Hill say he has infuriated them with centrist political calculations like support for the death penalty, they say he has been better than any Republican would have been.

Bars in California Blow Smoke at Ban

By William Claiborne Washington Post Service

LOS ANGELES - A growing number of California tavern owners are thumbing their noses at the only statewide ban on barroom smoking in the United States, allowing patrons to light up and blow smoke in the face of

Although the six-week-old smoking our provides for escalating fines for bar owners who allow smoking, reports from around the state indicate that enforcement by local jurisdictions depends mostly on response to complaints. Even at that, it has been spotty at best, with compliance in many areas but open

defiance in others. Some jurisdictions have sent health inspectors or fire marshals to check on complaints. But many local governments, lacking adequate resources, have merely mailed warning notices to alleged offenders upon receiving a complaint.

Moreover, while bar owners are re-

law to eject them or take other steps to enforce the ban. As a result, many bar operators acknowledge that they signal their intentions by smiling when they ask a patron to refrain from smoking and then turn their back on violators.

"The law requires us to post the signs and inform the customers that they are not supposed to smoke. We're not required to eject them," said Beverly Swanson, owner of the One Double On Seven Club in Santa Cruz. "People in bars are smoking. You can call it civil disobedience, but you can also call it being backed into a corner and trying to keep your business alive."

Jim Keenan, owner of the Nite Hawk Tavern in Sacramento, said, "Most of my customers comply, but if someone lights up, I will not confront him. There's nothing in the law that says I have to confront or eject a smoker."

In the first court test of the ban, the owner of a bar in Roseville, northeast of

quired to ask offending patrons to stop smoking, they are not required under the law to eject them or take other steps to March 13. In a courtroom packed with fellow tayern owners, Bill Ostrander, 70, who faces a \$100 fine if convicted, said, "I fought a war to keep this country free. The state didn't buy that bar. I bought that bar with hard work."

More than 100 bar owners recently gathered in Sacramento to form an association and discuss rebellion strategies, including raising a legal defense fund for members who are cited under the ban and pulling the plugs on machines that dispense state lottery tick-

ets in taverns. The group's contention that at least stand-alone bars without restaurant facilities should be exempted from the nosmoking law received a boost from Governor Pete Wilson, an occasional cigar smoker, who suggested last month that smokers should have "some sort of sanctuary" and that bar owners should have the option to allow smoking.

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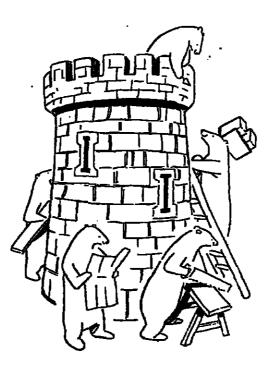
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TAIPEI - Taiwan grounded China Airlines' Airbus fleet Tuesday as it searched for clues to the nation's worst

With no signs of life in the wreckage strewn across a residential area abutting Taipei's main airport, the authorities turned their energies to identifying the dead, consoling the living and trying to understand what happened.

Rescuers who combed the debris by

hand through a rainy night turned to heavier equipment by day, using back-hoes to lift away twisted chunks of fuselage and shattered homes.

The crash killed 196 passengers and crew and seven people whose homes near the airport were bombarded by flaming debris. Two children pulled alive from the wreckage died later. Airline executives said the twin-en-

gine Airbus A300-600R wide-body jet that crashed in a fireball while landing in heavy fog Monday had recently been given a clean bill of health. The Airbus underwent a mainten-

ance check in February," a China Air-lines spokesman said, "We found no problems. The plane was in good con-

The chances of mechanical malfunction were very slim," the spokesman added.

Taiwan civil aviation authorities ordered China Airlines to ground its nine remaining Airbus A300-600R jets. forcing it to cancel at least six flights.

Officials said the grounding would

end once investigators were convinced of the fleet's airworthiness.

At a makeshift morgue at the crash site, grieving relatives in plastic protective smocks peered under long rows of white sheets to glimpse - and, it was hoped, identify - the charged and in some cases dismembered bodies of the victims. DNA sampling was being used to identify the unrecognizable.

Though the passengers included the Central Bank governor. Sheu Yuandong, his wife and three bank officials returning from a meeting, most were families and newlyweds who had made package tour vacations in Bali. Among the dead were 13 members of a single Taiwan family as well as five Americans, one Indonesian and one Frenchman.

Although the plane crashed in fog and light rain, investigators were looking elsewhere for the cause. Initial information suggested that despite the weather, the pilots had been on a routine approach until just before the crash.

A recording of cockpit conversations with the control tower indicated that the pilot of the twin-engine Airbus sought permission to land when the jet still was on course. But he then lost touch and did not answer a question about whether he would try a second approach.

Chang Kuo-cheng, Taiwan's deputy director of civil aeronautics, said the plane hit a utility pole and a traffic median in a road about 70 meters (200 feet) from the runway. It then skidded into several houses and exploded.



(Reuters, AP) Soldiers inspecting wreckage where the China Airlines flight crashed.

Similar Causes Resulted in Six Deadly Air Disasters in Asia

TOKYO - The crash of a China Airlines plane in Taiwan was the sixth major crash of a jetliner in the Asia-Pacific region in about six months, raising the overall death toll to 937.

Five of the crashes occurred while jetliners were landing or approaching airports and the planes were coping with obstacles such as fog, rain or smog from

Last month, Flight International, a British aviation magazine, reported that crashes caused by pilot miscalculation during descent killed 640 people around the world in 1997, more than in any previous year. The magazine said its survey showed that such crashes remain the biggest cause of airline passenger deaths.

The accidents happen in clouds or darkness, usually on the descent toward an airport. The crew members make a navigational error or descend too low, or both, so that the aircraft hits the ground without the crew realizing the danger.

'We are getting more and more concerned about all the crashes that are taking place in the Asia-Pacific while planes are landing," Dayanthe Athuladhmudali, assistant director of the International Air Transport Association in Singapore, said Tuesday. He said the causes of the last six crashes were still being investigated. In the last few years, the amount of air traffic in

Asia's emerging markets has been mushrooming. The magazine International Airport Review said the International Air Transport Association estimated that international passenger traffic in the Asia-Pacific would triple, from 135 million trips to 400 million trips

from 1995 to 2010, although that was before Asia egan to suffer a major economic crisis last summer. Before the accident Monday, the last five major crashes that have occurred in the Asia-Pacific region

• Feb. 2, 1998: A McDonnell Douglas DC-9 aircraft operated by Cebu Pacific Air crashed into a mountain in the southern Philippines, covered by fog and rain, killing all 104 people aboard. The crash occurred near the airport where the plane was scheduled to land on a

• Dec. 19, 1997: A Singapore-owned SilkAir Boe-

ing 737 crashed into the Musi River on Sumatra, Indonesia, killing all 104 people aboard. The plane was flying from Jakarta to Singapore and crashed midway between the two cities. The reason it fell from cruising altitude is not known, and less than half its wreckage was recovered from the fast-flowing river.

 Sept. 26, 1997: A Garuda Airbus A-300 approaching Medan Airport in porthern Sumatra crashed into a jungle slope while trying to land in a thick smog cansed by forest fires in Indonesia, killing all 234 aboard.

Sept. 3, 1997: A Vietnam Airlines Tupolev TU-

134B trying to land after a flight from Vietnam to Cambodia crashed into palm trees and bamboo, skid into a rice paddy and exploded in flames during a severe rain storm near Pochentong Airport in Phnom Penh. Sixty-four people were killed, and two passengers, both young boys, survived.

• Aug. 5, 1997: A Korean Airlines Boeing 747

crashed into a deep ravine and burned during a rainstorm, just five kilometers (three miles) from its landing destination on Guam. The accident killed 228

Asia's Anti-Americanism furning the Puts Relations at Risk

Some See 'U.S. Imperialism' in Aid Offers

By Nicholas D. Kristof
New York Times Service

SEOUL - From America it may seem as if the United States is rescuing Asia from its economic mess, but gratitude is not the most striking emotion

here in the region.

Instead, the rumblings of resentment and the stirrings of anti-Americanism seem most prominent.

"Just as the fall of the Berlin Wall represents a political and ideological victory for the U.S. over socialism, the collapse of the economies in Asia marks another more subtle triumph of U.S. financial imperialism over the rest of this region," declared The Nation, a

Another Thai daily, Matichon, warned that the West was aiming for the intellectual colonialism' of Asia, and denounced the "financial and economic wars" that it said the West had mounted to humble the region.

Many people do feel gratitude toward the United States for its help, and there is more annoyance at the politicians in their own capitals than at those in Washington. But although the anti-American sentiment so far is mild, many diplomats and scholars warn that a prime risk in Asia in the coming months is a heightened hostility that could complicate U.S. business and diplomacy in the region.

There is a lot of pain here, and the

pain is turning to anger." David Sham-baugh, director of the Sigur Center for Asian Studies at George Washington University in Washington, said during a recent visit to Asia. "The anger has yet to be vented at the United States, Still, that could happen, because there's latent anti-

Americanism in a lot of the countries. For now, nations like Thailand feel annoyed that the United States has not done more to help its old friends in Asia. Throughout the region there is also irritation that the United States is using the crisis as leverage to force countries to open up previously closed markets.

Even in Japan, which these days is one of the least nationalistic countries in the region, there is talk that the opening of financial markets starting this year will lead to a "second period of American rule," parallel to the American occupation at the end of World War II.

"Many people in this part of the parallel are extended for American help.

world are grateful for American help, but they also resent what they see as strong-arm tactics," M. Yoshino, a professor at Harvard Business School and expert on Asia, said by telephone during a visit to Singapore.

Indeed, there are even various conspiracy theories making the rounds. One is that the CIA and the U.S. State Department, which are given much more credit in Asia for effectiveness than they are at home, plotted Asia's crisis to win trade negotiations, put down China and bolster their influence in the region.

"The United States is certainly not offering a new Marshall Plan to East Asia," said China's Communist Party newspaper, People's Daily, "By giving help, it is forcing East Asia into sub-mission, promoting the American economic and political model and easing East Asia's threat to the American model." The upshot is that while Americans

fret over whether it has been worthwhile to support the International Monetary Fund and its rescue packages for Thailand, South Korea and Indonesia, the fear in Asia is that the United States has gained too much.

It is notable that in South Korea where many analysts had been particplarty apprehensive about anti-Americanism — the mood has swung the

Suspicion of U.S. policy is deep-rooted in South Korea, and when the country was teetering on the verge of collapse in November and early December, it was routine to hear blame piled on the United States. Now there is much less of that, and newspapers and politicians say the economic restructuring and more open markets will be in Korea's interests.

"Now the question is how we can feed 45 million people in this country and 20 million in the North," said Lee Shin Bom, a member of the Korean National Assembly.

As a result, Mr. Lee said, Korea will

accept foreign investments that once would have rankled.

The turnabout in South Korean public opinion appeared to come after the nation's leading newspaper, Chosun Ilbo, ran a series of editorials that defied the conventional wisdom of the time and laid the blame for the economic crisis squarely on Korea s own shoulders.

In addition, the dissident Kim Dae Jung was elected president in December and immediately began to work to build a consensus for economic reform.

Mr. Kim calls on Koreans to accept foreign investment and other changes not because they are forced to, but because this is the best way to rebuild the economy. Mr. Kim's spokesman, Ben Limb, said one result would be a welcome mat for foreign companies interested in setting up shop in South Korea.

India Orders New Vote in 600 Districts

have to vote again after elec- authorities and their rivals. rerun of polling in nearly 600 highest in the crime-plagued stations after violence in eastern state of Bihar, where

commission Tuesday ordered a new vote at 599 of the es-Asian nation, which has 605 million eligible voters.

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NEW DELHI — Hundreds and dozens wounded, with of thousands of Indians will politicians blaming both the

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Violence continued Tuesover the weekend.

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Communist Germany: Arrested on August 31st, 1945 by the Soviet

Secret Police (NKWD) as an alleged Nazi-criminal after denunciation by German communists, confiscation of the family properties, imprisonment and death in the NKWD-Special Detention Camp No. 2

Recognition as victim of Soviet communist repression (together

with his surviving children) and rehabilitation by order of the

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least 25 people were killed while they were playing elections for India's 545cricket in the street.

A senior police officer said that a second bomb had been found in a school playground elsewhere in the city, where tension between the majority Hindu and minority Muslim communities has simmered for weeks.

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Tamil Nadu, where 56 people what might happen next," were killed by bomb blasts said a resident of the R.S. Puram area, where three

† Buchenwald Feb. 18, 1947

member lower house of Parliament. Further voting will be held Feb. 23, Feb. 28 and

Counting of the ballots starts March 2 and most results will be known by March 3. Local news media reports said the voter turnout on the

first, and biggest, day of voting was 50 percent to 55 percent. About 250 million Indians were eligible to vote Monday.

Turnout for all phases of general elections combined has declined from a peak of 64 percent in 1984 to 62 percent in 1989, 61 percent in 1991 and 58 percent in 1996.

Analysts said the modest participation rate was a clear sign of voter fatigue after the last election, an uninspiring campaign this time around and fear of violence.

The low turnout of voters in Tamil Nadu confirms that the fear psychosis has entered the minds of the people," said Venkaiah Naidu, general sec-retary of the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party, which is expected to win the most

Opposition Member sary and important, the China nomic Times reported Tuesday.

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(Reuters) ment has been sentenced to two years

in prison, the party said Tuesday.

Daw Nan Khin Htwe Myint was arrested in Thaton, 150 kilometers (90 miles) east of the capital, on Feb. 9, while on her way to the Rangoon home of the opposition leader, Daw Aung San Sun Kyi, the party said. It said she was charged with interfering

with an officer on duty. Three other National League for Democracy members were detained last week, the party said.

China Official Urges Political Reforms

BEUING — A Chinese government official has joined a chorus of calls for democracy, saying the press should serve as a check and balance

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sary and important," the China Ecoand some Chinese intellectuals, who

have clamored for political reforms. But Mr. Zhou tempered his calls for

21 Slain in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO — Fresh fighting in Sri Lanka has left 21 people dead, including 15 soldiers killed by Tamil Tiger rebels in the north, military officials said Tuesday.

They said at least eight soldiers were killed and three others wounded when Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam rebels attacked their vehicle on the Vavuniya-Mannar road Tuesday. Some officials said a land mine had exploded under the military vehicle, while others said the rebels had fired a rocketpropelled grenade at it. (Reuters)

A Japanese court ordered the Shinrikyo cult, blamed for the 1995 mechanism to stamp out corruption.

Zhou Wenzhang, deputy director of nerve gas attack on the Tokyo subway. the Research and Development Center to pay damages Tuesday to a fertilizer of the Hainan provincial government, factory president it had falsely acsaid political reforms were "necescused of attempted murder. (AP)

Police Beef Up **Urban Patrols** In Indonesia

JAKARTA - Indonesian security forces patrolled more than a dozen towns Tuesday in their struggle to keep the peace during the economic crisis.

In recent days five people have been killed in violence linked to price in-

creases of basic commodities, including at least two shot by military officers.

Dozens of Chinese-owned stores and houses have been damaged, looted and

burned by mobs. in the latest violence Tuesday several hundred people, complaining of high prices, ransacked a store and threw food and other merchandise into a street in Muaraenim, 430 kilometers (265 miles)

northwest of Jakarta.

The official Antara news agency reported that the police in eastern Java have warned they would shoot rioters

who pose great danger to others."

Over the weekend the military defended the deadly shootings of two men, saying they had threatened troops with steel bars and machetes as security personnel tried to quell a riot.

Since Friday, mobs on Java, Lombok, Sumatra and Sulawesi islands have attacked property owned by the ethnic Chinese minority.

British Couple Survives Shipwreck Near Australia

SYDNEY — A British couple survived huge seas and gale-force winds by clinging to a rock in the Southern Ocean overnight after their yacht was destroyed in a storm, Aus-

tralian rescue officials said Tuesday.

The couple, Peter and Doreen Cheek, radioed for help after their 12-meter (39-foot) yacht, Talis II, began dragging its anchor in bad weather near Maatsuyker Island, about 30 kilometers (18 miles) south, of Australia's island state of Terrenois. David Gray, a spokesman for Australian Search and Res-

cue, said that, after the couple sent out a Mayday call, the yacht was smashed against rocks and destroyed. The couple escaped the wreck in the yacht's dinghy, but it was overturned in a huge swell. Mr. Gray said, "They swam to a rock and pulled themselves up with kelp and then they clung

Once on the rock, which was pounded through the night by large waves, Mr. Cheek, 62, and Mrs. Cheek, 58, covered themselves with grass as protection from the cold until they were plucked to safety by a helicopter about seven hours later.

The Cheeks, from East Cowes; Isle of Wight, had been halfway through a five-year round-the-world voyage on a 20-year-old timber sloop when they radioed for help.

The barren rock island is home to Australia's most southern light had been that

lighthouse and is battered year-round by Antarctic storms that charge out of the Southern Ocean.

"They are lucky to be alive," Mr. Gray said. "The conditions were atrocious— 45-knot winds and three-to-form meter seas." Another yacht sheltering from the storm picked in the country call for help and content and Antarctica police. up the couple's call for help and contacted Australian police, who alerted maritime rescue headquarters in Canberra. The Cheeks, suffering mild hypothermia, were flown to a

hospital in Hobart.



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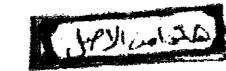
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but we have failed to reach the investment future," he said. Analysts welcomed the speech as a

demonstration of fresh resolve to improve the economy. Mr. Yeltsin also said that if NATO

enlarged to embrace the three Baltic states, it would spoil ties between Moscow and the Western alliance. Mr. Yeltsin said that Prime Minister Viktor Chemomyrdin's reformist cabinet would be fired if it did not deliver on crucial targets - the

budget, a workable tax code and

growth through investment in in-

only time during his half-hour speech, By calling for amendments to the

1998 budget to reflect the impact on Russia of the world financial crisis, Mr. Yeltsin applied equal pressure to the Duma just as the head of the International Monetary Fund, Michel Camdessus, was arriving in Moscow to review reforms. The budget was to face its fourth

day but that could be postponed after Mr. Yeltsin's remarks.

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Normally a fourth reading is a formality before the Federation Council

The government has forecast up to the budget changes were logical because of the financial crisis in Asia.

budget and simplified tax code, which one message to another I am speaking are both awaiting Duma clearance, to be vital for Russia's long march from about the need for a realistic budget, about ending nonpayments, about ina planned to a market economy.

The fund is considering paying further installments of a \$9.2 billion loan. It briefly halted credits late last "I will no longer repeat this. If the government is not able to solve these strategic tasks, then we will have to year over concerns that the government was failing to collect taxes. Mr. Yeltsin said he wanted this IMF loan to be the last.

The 67-year-old president, speaking firmly and at times jabbing the air for emphasis, devoted most of his speech in the Kremlin's Marble Hall to the economy. 'The Russian government will fur-

ther protect property, secure economic freedom and a market economy, retain low inflation and firm rate for the ruble," he said. "But today that is and final Duma reading on Wednes- not enough. We need stable and proper economic growth, a supported flow

"I demand the government makes sure the budget for the current year is realistic," Mr. Yeltsin said. A tax code needed to be approved this year to help increase revenues and the cabinet should prepare a program for saving government money by May,

Finance Minister Zadornov said that a presidential veto was a possibility if the Duma rejected the budget changes.

Reaction later was patchy. The Russian markets rose but dealers said they wanted to see real growth rather than appeals for it. The Communist leader, Gennadi Zyuganov, said, "This is the most

lackluster and unimpressive address I

have ever heard.' Anatoli Chubais, a first deputy prime minister and one of just a handful of cabinet members Mr. Yeltsin pointedly mentioned by name, said the budget changes were logical be-



Two Russian first deputy prime ministers, Anatoli Chubais, left, and Boris Nemtsov, entering a Kremlin hall Tuesday for President Boris Yeltsin's speech.

BRIEFLY

Havel's Popularity Hits All-Time Low

PRAGUE — The popularity of President Vaclav Havel of the Czech Republic has fallen to an alltime low following the political and economic crisis in the country, an opinion poll indicated Tuesday.

The former dissident playwright has slipped to fourth in a league table of politicians, behind Prime Minister Josef Tosovsky.

Sixty percent voted for Mr. Havel, the IVVM survey said, putting him behind two leaders of the opposition Social Democrat Party, Petra Buzkova, and Stanislav Gross, with 70 percent and 65 percent respectively, and Mr.
Tosovsky who was most popular with 74 percent. Mr. Havel, 61, is undergoing treatment in a hospital for the removal of a growth from

U.K. Lesbian Loses **Battle on Sex-Bias**

LUXEMBOURG — A British lesbian who charged her employer with sex discrimination for denying benefits to gay couples that were available to heterosexuals lost her battle in the European Court of Justice on Tuesday.

Reversing the opinion issued last September by one of its advocate generals, the court ruled that South West Trains had not violated any European Union laws by refusing to grant a travel pass to the wom-an's female partner. Lisa Grant complained that South West Trains granted travel concessions to heterosexual couples in stable rela-tionships, but denied the benefit to gay couples. (Rewers)

Conviction Upheld Of U.S. Neo-Nazis

STOCKHOLM — An appeals court Tuesday upheld the conviction of two American neo-Nazis who had been jailed for violating Sweden's hate laws.

Shawn Sugg of Otter Lake, Michigan, and Eric Dobbs, of San Diego, had been jailed for a month.

They were released earlier this month.

(AP)

Bosnian Serbs Plead Not Guilty

THE HAGUE - Two Bosnian Serbs who surrendered to NATO troops over the weekend pleaded not guilty Tuesday before a United Nations court in the Netherlands to charges of war crimes and crimes against humanity.
Miroslav Tadic, 60, and Milan

Simic, 40, are the first Bosnian Serbs to turn themselves over vol-untarily to the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia at The Hague(Reuters)

By Joseph Fitchett International Herald Techune

PARIS --- NATO changed more radically in the space of three months last year than in its previous 45 years of existence, according to Alexander Vershbow, the new American ambassador

This transformation of the alliance, in his view, was a result of the crisis in Bosnia-Herzegovina, where the U.S-led intervention touched off a much broader political and military remodeling of NATO. "The reality is that NATO is less 'new' than 'better,' 'he said, meaning that the long-standing trans-Atlantic alliance has been updated and expanded to preserve NATO as the linchpin of European security. Ideas for modernizing the alliance

had been in the air since the end of the Cold War, he said, but it took Bosnia --"the test case from hell," he called it for the United States, the European allies and Russia to agree on a new lease Mr. Vershbow is well placed to judge

Europe's political self-confidence and the future of trans-Atlantic unity.

Back in Brussels after five years as a foreign-policy maker inside the White House, Mr. Vershbow says he sees Bosnia as a success story, suddenly within reach of a self-sustaining peace.

According to Mr. Vershbow, the al-

lies' agonized decision to intervene militarily to end the Bosnian fighting reminded both the United States and the European allies that they needed each other to preserve stability in Europe and that NATO was the only vehicle for a combined effort. That renewed commitment to NATO

left no other important organization as the basic source of security on the Continent. As a result, Russia and Central European nations found ways to associate themselves with NATO, reversing predictions that the alliance could divide post-Cold War Europe. Bosnia put its stamp on internal

changes in NATO as well, proving that it could function as a multinational force deployed outside alliance territory. The the measure of change. When he left United States has retained an unchal-NATO headquarters in 1993 as the No. 2 lenged leadership role thanks to its diplomat in the American mission, Bosmonopoly on the military sinews

nia was a mire threatening to swallow needed for a major operation.

At the same time, the task-force formula now accommodates the European allies' desire for a stronger supporting role — today still largely political, but someday possibly amounting to a more independent military capability.

New U.S. Envoy to NATO Comes Back to a 'Better' Alliance

Mr. Vershbow's upbeat picture of NATO's condition reflects the view from the top of the Clinton administration, in which Mr. Vershbow, 46, was

an insider on security policy.

Soft-spoken and informal in a way that
makes him "Sandy" to colleagues, he rose fast on the Clinton team to become part of "the Bosnia team," a half-dozen top officials working on the crisis there.

The team learned to apply U.S. power as a big stick in Bosnia and as diplomatic leverage to get allies on board for changes in NATO, and Mr. Vershbow brings that experience to NATO, according to other American officials. His views seem to accommodate both

the special U.S. ties with Europe and acceptance of the idea that the United States has global responsibilities in some situations — like the crisis with Iraq — where most allies can provide little significant help.
In Europe itself, Mr. Vershbow says

promising changes. He rebuffed suggestions — widespread nowadays in policy and research institutes in Washington - that NATO should seek further changes in the form of a grand trans-Atlantic bargain, usually presented as expanded U.S. troop presence in Europe in exchange for European back-ing for greater NATO involvement in

global crises remote from Europe. Instead, his concerns focus on the need for European allies to make more of NATO's offer of a stronger role for European members and an opportunity for them to develop their own military and strategic weight.

At the heart of this change was a oposal for Washington to promise to help Europe's own defense organization, the Western European Union, by lending U.S. help if the Europeans wanted to undertake missions on their own.

Getting agreement on it at the NATO summit meeting in Berlin in 1995 was "the hardest thing I ever saw in the council, the only time we were actually screaming at each other." another NATO ambassador said. Subsequently, little tangible has

happened, apparently because Britain,

he wants NATO to take time to digest its France and Germany are loath to take the political and financial risks of assuming a role of their own.

This reluctance surfaced last year when the Europeans weighed and rejected suggestions of a collective intervention in Albania. The unrest there was a manageable problem, as was quickly shown when an Italian-commanded force including French and Greek troops landed and easily restored order.

"It was a lost opportunity" for European governments to start institutionalizing their commitment to closer defense cooperation, Mr. Vershbow said.

European ambassadors at NATO declined to comment publicly, but most acknowledge privately that they were chagrined by their own governments' reluctance to accept the challenge of putting European prestige on the line with a high-profile collective opera-

Even though European leaders sidestepped the occasion to create their own multinational task force — in NATO or outside the alliance using American help — the existence of a European option, even on paper, is an open-ended feature that helped rejuvenate the alliance, Mr. Vershbow said.

Belgian Inquiry Faults Police in Pedophile Case

BRUSSELS - Incompetence, amateurism and negligence all contributed to the Belgian authorities failure to prevent the abduction, abuse and murder of at least four children, a parliamentary inquiry has concluded.

But the report, released Tuesday though parts of it became public earlier, rejects the widely held belief that Marc Durroux, the convicted pedophile at the center of the scandal, escaped arrest because he enjoyed the protection of highly placed officials in the police, the judiciary or the political system.

Rather than being the linchpin of a network of pedophiles, Mr. Dutroux is depicted in the report as a predator who had few accomplices and thrived simply because of the failure of the police and magistrates to do their jobs properly.

Mr. Dutroux is awaiting trial for the murder of four girls found dead at his

house in 1996. Two of them, eight-year-old Julie Lejeune and Melissa Russo, starved to death after being left for months in a dungeon. Mr. Dutroux is also charged with the abduction and abuse of two other girls who were found alive at his home and

with the murder of a suspected accom-

plice, Bernard Weinstein. Although the police repeatedly visited Mr. Dutroux's main residence during inquiries into missing children, they never conducted a thorough search of the property that may have saved Julie and Melissa.

Convicted in 1989 of raping a minor, Mr. Durroux was released in 1992 after



Paul Marchal, father of a victim, criticized the report as too weak.

serving less than half of a 13-year prison sentence. The release of Mr. Durroux and the failure to ensure his supervision afterward were severely criticized last year in the first report by the parlia-mentary commission of inquiry. Paul Marchal, whose teenage daugh-

ter An was one of Mr. Dutroux's victims, had his own criticisms, faulting the commision for not blaming the goverument. "The traditional parties in power have once again managed to protect themselves," he said.

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Sinn Fein to Challenge Peace Talks Ban

DUBLIN — The Irish Republican Army's political arm began seeking a legal injunction Tuesday to block a move to expel it from Northern Irish

"We are now seeking a legal intervention as a means of redressing this situation," said the chairman of the Sinn Fein party, Mitchel McLaughlin.

The party was looking for a judge to rule on whether the British and Irish governments would have the right to ban it from the negotiations. Britain began an effort to eject Sinn Fein on Monday, saying IRA guerrillas were responsible for two murders in Northern Ireland last week.

"If we are ejected in these circumstances, I think opinion within our elec-torate will be against us coming back to a process that is seen to be fraudulent,"

Mr. McLaughlin said. Sinn Fein had called an adjournment

to the talks to seek legal advice. "There is no basis for Sinn Fein's exclusion," said Martin McGuinness, the party's chief negotiator. "We have a

right to be in those talks and we will

resolutely defend that right. "We are examining legal advice on a range of matters and we are strongly advised that there are legal grounds to challenge the British indictment," he

Eight Unionist and Republican parties from the British province were

meeting in the Irish capital to try to resolve the dispute over Sinn Fein's continued participation, which has dogged the peace process for more than The negotiations are part of a three-

year drive to end years of tension over date and is not involved in violence.

British rule of Northern Ireland. Before the adjournment, Foreign Min-

ister David Andrews of Ireland conceded the talks were facing "a difficult time." He said Britain and Ireland would listen to the views of the eight Protestant and Catholic parties from Northern Ire-

land before making a decision about Sinn Fein's participation. Mo Mowlam, Britain's Northern Ireland secretary, rejected Sinn Fein charges that Britain was treating it un-

justly. "This is not a legal situation, it is a political process," Ms. Mowlam said. This is not a kangaroo court."

Under the rules of the talks, no party

can take part if it has a guerrilla wing actively engaged in violence.

The IRA says it is still observing a truce it called last July. Sinn Fein says it is a legal party with a democratic man-

Freemasons in U.K. Told to Lift Veil of Secrecy

LONDON — British Freemasons

were in shock Tuesday after the gov-ernment demanded that all new re-cruits to the police and judiciary de-clare publicly their membership in the society — whose very existence is

based on secrecy.

A government has never taken such a radical measure in the history of Freemasonry, some experts said. There are an estimated one million freemasons in Britain. Home Secretary Jack Straw said the

new rules will apply to the police, the probation and prison services, and magistrates, judges and crown prosregister and made public. Following the rules will be vol-

untary at first, but the government will consider legislation, if necessary. Mr. Straw said "membership of secret societies such as Freemasonry

can raise suspicions of a lack of impartiality or objectivity. It is therefore important that the public know the

The onus for registering existing members of these professions will rest within Freemasonry itself.

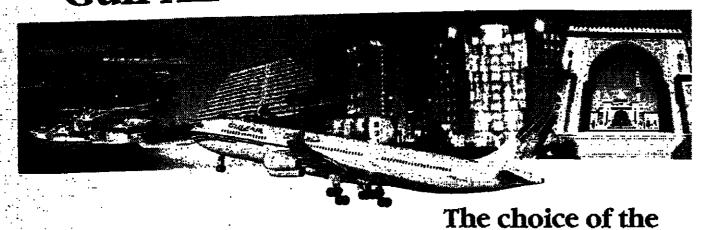
Mr. Straw reportedly triumphed over Lord Irvine, the lord chancellor who is head of the country's judiciary and a

ecutors. Their names will be put on a close friend of Prime Minister Tony Blair. Mr. Straw said he would ask the united Grand Lodge of Freemasonry to cooperate with the new rules. A Grand Lodge spokesman said it would make no response till Thursday.

Almost a year ago, the Commons Home Affairs Select Committee recommended that the police, magistrates, judges and crown prosecutors be required to register membership.

Freemasons have often been the target of public speculation because of the secrecy surrounding the organization and reports of bizarre initiation ceremonies. Its Grand Master is the Duke of Kent, cousin of Queen Elizabeth.

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African Force Masses Near Freetown to Mop Up Rebels

The Associated Press

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone - Nigerian forces fighting under the banner of a West African intervention force were massing near the capital of Sierra Leone on Tuesday to confront rebel forces from the country's ousted military junta.
"We will continue to expand outside

Freetown to try to see where the junta has moved to in the hinterlands," General Timothy Shelpidi of Nigeria said in an interview. "Where they refuse to hand over their weapons, we will ensure that they do so by force.

The Nigerian troops launched an offensive last week to drive Lieutenant Colonel Johnny Paul Koroma's military junta from power, clearing the way for the return of President Ahmed Tejan Kabbah.

Colonel Koroma staged a bloody coup that forced Mr. Kabbah out in

The Nigerian-led intervention force, known as Ecomog, took control of the capital, Freetown, over the weekend and has been working to restore civil order in the battered city.

The next step for Ecomog is to ensure that relief materials come to the country." General Shelpidi said. "We have all seen life returning to normal in Freetown."



A boy in a soldier's helmet Tuesday helping out at a Freetown checkpoint run by the Nigerian-led forces. Residents have welcomed the troops.

shoot looters and vigilante gangs on of Mr. Koroma's harsh military regime. sight. Radio broadcasts, meanwhile, continue to urge civil servants to return continued to put up some resistance. Some to their jobs to help the city restore roads into the city remained closed. normal functions.

The International Committee of the sionary doctors and a chemist abducted Red Cross has appealed for restraint in the city to ward off revenge attacks against former members of Colonel Italian were abducted by fleeing junta oroma's junta. The Spanish Foreign Ministry in Madrid said it believed that the Span-

Shortly after the intervention force took over the city, angry mobs attacked and killed a number of junta soldiers. City inhabitants have welcomed the Nigerian The occupying troops have orders to troops, cheering and celebraring the end medical assistance.

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SOUTH AFRICA: 'Second Revolution'

society after centuries of domination by South Africa's white minority. Now, as promised, the agenda for change is moving from the constitutional and structural to the economic. The government has introduced a package of affirmative-action legislation that has brought howls of opposition from white political parties and allegations from the South African Institute of Race Relations "that the ruling party is possessed of powerful urges for racial and social engineering."

White leaders from across the polit-

ical spectrum have made it increasingly clear that they plan to fight tooth and nail to stop efforts they deem to be too drastic, too rapid, a threat to whites' livelihoods or a threat to the country's sector managers and capitalists. But the economic stability.

Cyril Madlala, a black commentator with the South African Sunday Times newspaper, etched the polarization succinctly. "Those privileged under apartheid say the pace is too fast," he Johannesburg Stock Exchange has wrote this month. "Those who were been dramatic in recent years, white-"Those privileged under disadvantaged are losing patience with the slow pace of change.

'We need consensus on this, for I fear patience is not an unlimited commodity. Particularly after a 300-year wait." Steven Friedman, director of the Center for Policy Studies, said whites by and

large still had an aversion to the black by those forces remained uncertain, government, 'The core dynamic here is the widely

held belief by most white people that black people cannot run a country," Mr. Friedman said. He added that the black government's often defensive posture in the face of white criticism "then leads to responses which in some cases make the problem worse." To avoid giving the election, some commentators say.

ground to white criticism, for instance, the government has shown a propensity to form a united front when some within its ranks are accused of mismanagement

or corruption, Mr. Friedman said. Mr. Mandela's government inherited a tangle of disparity that even his former wife, Mrs. Madikizela-Mandela, ac-knowledged would take decades to unravel. This is a nation in which whites, who are 13 percent of the population, still control the management, capital and direction of the economy. Whites still enjoy benefits and comforts that linger from the days of white-minority rule and the

apartheid system of racial separation.

The 1994 all-races election elevated the black majority to political power and set in motion the creation of a small black elite of public servants, privateeast majority of blacks remain economically marginal, still relegated to the worst positions in a society that straddles the Third World and the First.

For instance, while blacks' entry onto been dramatic in recent years, white-owned companies still control 90 percent of the market capitalization. Avcrage black household income is barely one-fourth that of whites, according to a 1997 report by the nation's Central Statistical Service. And joblessness is estimated at about 34 percent and rising, with blacks making up the vast majority

of those without formal jobs.

Last year, Deputy President Thabo

Mbeki warned that the inequality could lead to racial uprisings if the quality of life of blacks was not sufficiently improved. These inequalities also could lead to a

drop in support for the ANC, which promised more than it has delivered since

BRIEFLY

Jordan's Cabinet Gets a Reshuffle

AMMAN, Jordan - Prime Minister Abdul-Salam Majali shuffled his cabinet Tuesday, bringing an Islamic fundamentalist politician into Jordan's government for the first time in seven years.

He brought six new ministers into the 24-member cabinet, mostly seasoned politicians who had held portfolios in earlier governments. The unexpected newcomer was

Bassam Amoush, a former member of the opposition Islamic Action Front, named to the newly created ministry of administrative development. Deputy Prime Minister Jawad Anani took over the Foreign Min-

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Report Condemns Senegal Violence

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast - Residents in Senegal's violence-wracked Casamance region are victims of worsening human rights abuses, exposed to mutilating tor-ture and random killings, Amnesty International contended Tuesday.

Caught between government soldiers and separatist rebels, Casa-mance inhabitants face harsh treatment on both sides of the conflict, the London-based human rights group said in a new report.

Casamance, in southern Senegal, has been subject to violence between army troops and the Democratic Forces of Casamance Movement, who hope to establish an independent state.

Argentine Chief Denies Plan to Run

BUENOS AIRES - President Carlos Saul Menem says he has no plans to run for office again in 1999 despite comments over the weekend that suggested otherwise. Mr. Menem, whose standing in

popularity polls has hit rock-bottom, said Saturday that he might run in 1999 if the law was changed by popular will.

But in an open letter Monday entitled "Speculation as a beginning, lies as an end," Mr. Menem said he knew of no political or judicial initiatives to get him re-elected and that he had no plans to run. He attributed talk of running again to an "irresponsible tendency to interpret whimsically what I say, to attribute to me intentions I haven't expressed and attitudes that don't pertain to me." (Reuters)

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EURO: In Less Than 3 Months, EU's Project for Monetary Union Will Take a Huge Step From Theory to Reality

gunmen over the weekend.

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summer, "Whoever wants to delay the introduction of the euro must know that this could be a delay forever."

Assuming there are no hitches, there-fore, individuals and businesses will be able to start using the euro for check, credit-card and financial transactions next Jan. 1. On that day, the national currencies of the countries involved will effectively cease to exist and will become units of the euro.

At that time also, powerful institutions such as the Bundesbank and the Bank of France will become subsidiaries of the European central bank, which will have the last word on monetary policies such as the fixing of exchange rates with the outside world.

Germany and Daimler Benz AG have exchange rate and could lose out to new currency from Day 1, trading seam- outside the euro zone such as Turkey, the governor of the Bank of England, lessly across the world's largest market Tunisia or Morocco. and eliminating transaction costs.

mission, the EU's executive body, said region, banks and financial-service propressure from companies was forcing viders will face unprecedented compegovernments to speed their plans to tition on a level playing field. If a cusaccounting purposes, although they are cheaper loan from a Finnish bank that not required to do so until the introduction of the physical currency in 2002. Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal and Spain have already said they will allow use of the euro in place of the national currency as of Jan. I.

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A spokesman for the European Com- will set a single interest rate for the adopt the euro for taxation and official tomer in France decides he can get a has decided to offer lower rates in hope that business volume will make up for a thinner profit margin, there will be nothing to stop him or her. With no control over monetary policy,

governments will have only limited means to deal with mass unemployment or large welfare needs. They will not be By adopting the euro, countries will able to spend their way out of diffi-Existing currencies, however, will be pooling part of their sovereignty. No culties, because under a commonly

Others warn that the EU is locking of GDP. In fact, only Britain, Finland, announced that they will switch to the lower-cost destinations a short distance itself into a strait-jacket. Eddie George, describes it as a "beauty and the beast" situation. "Beauty is the certainty of tries is headed down toward the 60 perexchange rates," he said. "The beast is cent mark. the single, 'one size fits all' interest

> But the European central bank is cometary stability. This was the price exacted by Germany, haunted by its memory of prewar runaway inflation dollar up. and reluctant to give up the mighty Deutsche mark for a "softer" cur-

France, on the other hand, demanded and obtained creation of a euro council that will give governments some say in how the euro zone is run, although with no right to interfere with the independence of the European central bank At the end of March, the European

Commission will issue a report saying a public debt of no more than 60 percent was essential if this was to be achieved.

France and Luxembourg meet the debt criterion, and the judgment will be based on whether the trend in the other coun-

The euro's status in the world will depend on whether it is strong or weak. But the European central bank is com-mitted by treaty to maintaining mon-ment and push the dollar down, some analysts say. If the euro is weak, investments will flow out and drive the

■ Nobelist Warns on Policy Divide

Franco Modigliani, a Nobel Prize winner for economics and emeritus professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, said Tuesday that European economic and monetary union might not be sustainable because of incompatible policy aims, Reuters report-

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Mr. Modigliani said European governments should work together to reduce the region's high unemployment rates.

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History vs. Myths

country's future, but they certainly alter its past. The wave of recent political change has brought with it a sure byproduct of upheaval, the new history textbook. Textbooks in the new democracies are vast improvements over the propaganda volumes that preceded them. But they are more honest because they reflect a new, more honest orthodoxy. Even so, many are uninterested in puncturing inaccurate but cherished national myths.

South Africa's old 10th-grade history textbook explained that blacks were the workers and whites the bosses because of the white man's "higher level of civilization and his Christian religion." A widely used new text-book, "In Search of History." explains the apartheid laws and their origins.

In Russia, dozens of new publishing houses are churning out textbooks with more or less accurate accounts of Soviet communism.

But in both countries, many schools cannot afford the new books, and still use apartheid- or Soviet-era textbooks. The figure would be even higher in Russia without a project by George Soros's Open Society Institute to subsidize the publication of new history texts.

At first, many teachers in former Communist countries replaced praise of communism with blind acceptance of capitalism. This is giving way to texts that encourage critical thinking instead of the rote learning so popular in authoritarian nations. Many texts in former Communist countries and South Africa offer varying interpretations of events as well as quizzes to ask students what they think.

But some new textbooks see their

Surviving in Georgia

No one could begrudge Eduard Shevardnadze. 70, a peaceful retirement. As foreign minister in the dying years of the Soviet Union, he helped end the Cold War and allow the nations of Central and Eastern Europe to regain their freedom with a minimum of bloodshed. Certainly, like his old boss Mikhail Gorbachev, Mr. Shevardnadze could now be writing books, spending time with family, delivering lectures and even appearing in Pizza Hut commercials. But he has chosen a different path — one that nearly cost him his life last week.

The former Soviet diplomat returned to his Caucasus homeland of Georgia in 1992. That onetime Soviet republic had become, in 1991, an indenendent nation on the Black Sea with a population of about 5.5 million, but independence had brought no happiness. "It was in the midst of civil war and complete chaos," Mr. Shevardnadze recently — and accurately recalled in an interview ington Post columnist Lally Wey-mouth. "There was no state as such."

He proceeded, painfully and against great opposition, to bring order. He disarmed the militias, the thugs and the gangsters who had taken over the country. He oversaw the introduction of a democratic constitution and, in the fall of 1995, he won an honest election for president with 75 percent of the vote. He instituted economic reforms that reversed Georgia's descent into total poverty and at least pointed the way toward recovery. "We state, a democratic state — and that is peaceful retirement.

Revolutions do not always change a mission as building patriotism and love for national culture over teaching the truth. Russia's textbooks continue to distort the Soviet Union's participation in World War II, a sacred touchstone in a country more than 20 million of whose people died in that war. New books continue to play down Allied contributions, and, for example, give the Soviet Union undeserved credit for winning the war in the Pacific.

Another country where textbooks have changed is France. After years of ignoring France's collaboration with its Nazi occupiers, French textbooks began to deal more honestly with World War II in the mid-1970s, spurred by scholarly histories, the spread of new historical methods and the rise of a less tainted and more curious generation. The climate that created and was influenced by the new terrhooks helped clear the way for recent apologies and acknowledgments of collaboration from the Catholic Church and President Jacques Chirac.

Japan's experience shows how textbooks often misrepresent less than glorious episodes. In the early 1960s, Saburo Ienaga wrote a high school textbook that discussed some of Japan's wartime atrocities. It was censored, and he sued in 1965. He did not win his case until last year, but Japan's supreme court also ruled that the Education Ministry could keep censoring textbooks in an "appropriate" man-ner. The nation's textbooks still permit only veiled or vague references to Japanese crimes during World War II.

Even by distorting history, it seems, textbooks give a true picture of the society that writes them.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Along the way, both as foreign minister and now as president, Mr. Shevardnadze accumulated more than his share of enemies. In August 1995

he somehow survived an assassination attempt when a bomb blew up beneath his car. On Feb. 9, riding in an armored Mercedes-Benz limousine that the German government donated after that last attack, the Georgian president was targeted again. Assailants fired on his motorcade

with automatic weapons and anti-tank grenade launchers. Two of his bodyguards died, and four others were wounded, but Mr. Shevardnadze escaped unhurt.

Georgia is in a part of the world where instability and ethnic conflict remain the norm. It is also a region that attracts great interest because of its large oil and gas deposits. Georgia itself is not blessed with substantial underground wealth, but it is a player in a huge struggle over the route that new procures will take to bring C an Sea oil to market. Mr. Shevardnadze suggested that pipeline politics may have played a role in this latest assassination attempt.

It is too soon to form final judgments on such speculation; other theories, including the involvement of radical and disgruntled Chechen rebels, have been put forward.

It is not too soon, however, to take note of Mr. Shevardnadze's courage. "I will serve my country however I can until the end," he said after the latest attack. We hope that this will mean the are not prospering now, but we are a end of his term, to be followed by a

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

America's Income Gap

The income gap between black and white families in America closed slightly from 1993 to 1996, according to the White House Council of Economic Advisers. But the gap remains huge and may have only temporarily receded.

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Indeed, black and Hispanic families are further behind whites today than they were 20 years ago. The yawning gaps between rich and poor and between blacks and whites are not going away any time soon.

The typical white family earned about \$47,000 in 1996, almost twice the figure for blacks. Worse, the typical black household had a net worth of only about \$4,500, a tenth of the white figure. A New York Times analysis of government data shows that American households have loaded up on stocks, doubling the equity share of their savings since 1990, as stock prices soared. But blacks have taken

virtually no part in the recent doubling of stock prices. About 95 percent of black families have no investment in stock or pension funds.

Poverty among black children fell last year to its lowest level in decades. but at 40 percent the level remains horribly high. Unemployment among black men fell last year to 8.6 percent. the lowest in 23 years, but this was nevertheless twice the jobless rate of

Since 1972, black family incomes have risen less than 10 percent, at a time when white family incomes have risen almost 15 percent. Such inequality is more a problem of poor education, weak skills and the rise in single-parent families than of race. The plight of low-skilled workers has been decades in the making and will not be turned around by the temporary flush

of economic recovery.

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A Dictator and His Weapons of Mass Destruction

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration is signaling that it is preparing a sustained air attack to deny Iraq the capacity to again use weapons of mass destruction. I believe that the negative consequences far out-

weigh any possibility of success. There is no assurance that such an attack would destroy Iraq's capabilities to produce weapons of mass destruction in the future. This makes it likely that the United States would have to carry out subsequent raids to again try to destroy them, or that it would have to invade the country. Moreover, an air attack alone would not persuade Iraq to give up its arsenal.

In my career in the U.S. intelligence community, I learned that weapons of mass destruction give the countries that hold them a belief that they have a safeguard against being overrun.

Saddam Hussein's perception in the Gulf War appears to have been that the

Western coalition broke off its advance toward Baghdad because of concern that if it had not done so, Iraq would have used its weapons of mass destruction. If that reading of Saddam is By Charles N. Davis

accurate, he will not give up his de-terrent against future invasion. No air attack will persuade him to do so.

But deterrence works both ways. Saddam previously used chemical weapons against Iran and against the Kurds because neither could retaliate with similar weapons. The United States made clear in the Gulf War, however, that if Iraq employed weapons of mass destruction, it would retaliate. What would impel Saddam's regime

to use these weapons? If it were attacked first by weapons of mass destruction (and survived). Or if Iraq were about to be overrun by a ground invasion. Or if an air attack caused such fallout from contamination that the government could not survive.

If his regime were about to fall, Saddam would have little inhibition about using these weapons to destroy his neighbors.

The negative consequences from a U.S. attack also could be disastrous for neighboring countries. Suppose bomb-

ing destroyed chemical or biological fa-cilities. What guarantee do U.S. military forces and their allies in the region have that the fallout from that destruction would not adversely affect them on a much larger scale than did the destruction of the chemical weapons bunker in southern Iraq in the Gulf War?

Short of such catastrophes, an air attack would undermine the U.S. position in the Gulf region. Saddam may well be counting on new U.S. bombing to strengthen him at home, divide the coalition and cause America's Arab allies to end U.S. access to military

components for such a strategy.

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And after an air attack that fails to remove him but punishes the Iraqi people, is it likely that the United Nations will vote to keep any residual inspection capability, or that it will continue to enforce economic sanctions?

A different strategy is needed, one which recognizes that Iraq cannot be stopped from developing some weapons of mass destruction but which inhibits their development, without endangering America's other interests. I suggest two

The UN Security Council should shut down Iraq's lucrative contraband coastal oil trade. This trade reportedly provides a hefty share of Baghdad's revenues. Its reduction would diminish the foreign currency under Saddam's control and further limit his ability to develop new weapons. At the same time, the Security Conn-

cil should increase the amount of oil that Iraq can sell under the current sanctions. That would make more food and medicine available to the Iraqi population, it would preserve the U.S. position in the Middle East, and it would stop the perception that U.S. diplomacy punishes Arab populations indiscriminately. If Saddam did not agree, the sanctions would stay and the U.S.-led co-

alition would remain intact. Such a strategy would reduce the misery of the fraqi people. It also has a much greater assurance of success.

The writer, a former analyst with the U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency, has served on the staff of the National In-telligence Council. He contributed this comment to The Washington Post."

Iraq Is Bad, but the Biggest Proliferation Threat Is Russian

WASHINGTON — With a U.S. bombing of Iraq now increasingly likely, the question being raised by those uneasy with such a strike is: What is the endgame? Is America just throwing its weight around?

The answer is really very simple. It comes down to two words: weapons proliferation. If Iraq, already a repeat user of poison gas, is able to snub its nose at the UN weapons inspectors, then the world's ability to fight the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction elsewhere would be fundamentally compromised.

Libya and its friends would all be less afraid to develop germ weapons and nukes. We would all end up in a much more dangerous world. That is why Saddam has to be stopped.

It is precisely because stemming weapons proliferation should be the centerpiece of U.S. foreign policy that the policy of NATO expansion is

By Thomas L. Friedman

with Russia, not only on Iraq but to shrink Russia's own nuclear arsenal, which is the greatest proliferation threat in the world today.

Attention shoppers: Russia has thousands of weapons of mass destruction. It has hundreds of unemployed or underemployed nuclear scientists. And it has only the loosest controls over its nukes and nuclear materials, and it has a signed nuclear arms reduction treaty with the United States that has not been implemented.

But instead of dealing with this problem, the Clintonites are making it worse. They are expanding NATO to counter a threat that does not exist — a Russian invasion of Europe and thus undermining America's ability to work with Russia on the threat that does exist Russia's loose nukes.

"Halting the proliferation of nuclear materials, missiles The United States should be and technology is clearly our

doing everything it can to work No. 1 foreign policy challenge since the breakup of the Soviet Empire," says former Senator Sam Nunn, who was the expert in the Senate on this issue.

But because it is No. I, we should be measuring all other policies by how they affect proliferation. Not only does NATO expansion not help us deal with Russia on this issue, it is counterproductive." The Clinton team has never

had an integrated foreign policy. It treats Iraq and NATO expansion as if they were totally disconnected.

One day Secretary of State Madeleine Albright gives a speech telling Russia that NATO is moving right up to the Baltic-Russian border. The next day she complains that Russia is not being helpful on Iraq. Gosh, I wonder why not. Thanks to NATO expan-

sion, we have convinced the Russian political elite that they are not our partner and that their security is not as impor-

tant to us as the security of the Iran) and the less willing Ruswho was Ronald Reagan's ambassador in Moscow

America is already paying a price for this. NATO expansion has prompted Russia's Parliament to stall its ratification of the START-2 nuclear arms reduction treaty, which would shrink Russian and U.S. nuclear arsenals from around 7,000 apiece to 3,500 apiece. That is 3.500 fewer Russian nukes pointed at America. But the deal has been frozen by NATO expansion.

If the Clinton team loses the START-2 treaty in order to add the Czechs to NATO, this will go down as one of the greatest blunders in the history of U.S. foreign policy — Madeleine's folly.

As Mr. Matlock notes, the more NATO is expanded, "the less willing Russia's Ministry of Atomic Energy is to work with us on cooperative measures" to keep its atomic scientists constructively employed (so they don't end up in Iraq and

Czechs," says Jack Matlock, sia's military is to let Americans in to help it better control and destroy its nuclear materials.

Moreover, if Mrs. Albright is serious about extending NATO to the Baltic states, the only way NATO can possibly defend them is with nukes.

Baltic membership in NATO will, therefore, only encourage Russia to continue altering its defense doctrine moving to a greater reliance on nuclear weapons for defense, on more of a hair trigger, because the closer NATO gets to Russia's border the less warning time Moscow will have. But don't worry, sleep well,

Latvia will be in NATO. The Clintonites are rightly ready to go to war with Iraq to halt the spread of weapons in the Middle East, But their expansion of NATO will only increase the threat of proliferation in Russia -- where there are a lot more weapons, under a lot less control, and all pointed at America.

The New York Times

The Problems of Indonesia Should Worry Everyone

HONG KONG—If Iraq is a flash point, Indonesia is a deep-seated, slow-burning fire, developments in Southeast out a policy U-turn that would harto has ignored his techno-

The problems of Indonesia are of a different order from Sukarno's power or the 1969 those elsewhere in the region. This is not just another part of the Asian economic crisis. It is not just an issue of how far the stock market will fall or how much money foolish Western bankers will lose.

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next few weeks in Indonesia for the nation and the region. may prove as fundamental to

far beyond its borders.

in 2020, and \$1 trillion in 2030.

Global Aging Crisis

By Paul Hewitt and Bradley Belt

WASHINGTON — It has been clear for two decades that the pension and health care policies of every major

industrial nation will come under growing strain early in the

21st century, as falling birthrates and longer life spans com-

any single country's economic distress can produce instability

And the globalization of trade and investment means that

Projections by the U.S. Congressional Budget Office reveal

the enormous potential costs of economic mismanagement of

tax and spending policies. Stated in 1997 dollars, projected

annual revenue shortfalls under just three programs - Social

Security, Medicare and Medicaid — will surpass \$600 billion

The crises in Europe and Japan are even more acute than

America's. Compared with the United States, their pop-

ulations are graying more rapidly, their economies are weake

health and welfare systems are more comprehensive.

their tax rates and public debt levels are higher, and their

By 2010, Japan's population is projected to have an older age

structure than America's will in 2030, and Europe is not far

behind. Their problems could quickly be exported worldwide.

In responding to these pressures, most developed nations will be tempted to run up deficits rather than dramatically raise

payroll taxes or reduce social security benefits. The OECD projects that government red ink in the 20 largest economies

of these combined deficits on global financial markets, which

probably could not support such levels of borrowing for long.

And these risks will be exacerbated as large numbers of

retirees begin to draw down their private savings and pension

assets. The OECD estimates that dissaving by retirees, com-bined with a rise in government deficits, could lead to a decline

It is highly unlikely that the developing world would be able

to offset such a large-scale decline in savings. The more likely

prospect is for a global capital shortage that would curtail world economic growth, plunging the industrial economies into even deeper fiscal crises and putting the aspirations of the

Third World on hold indefinitely.

Every country has a stake in the way other countries

respond to the challenges of aging societies. America has a responsibility to the rest of the world to put its fiscal house in order, but if Japan and Europe do not follow suit, American

sacrifices could go for naught.

If one lesson is to be learned from the recent turbulence in

global markets, it is that problems like societal aging must be anticipated and addressed in a multilateral context before they

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of international finance and economic policy at the Center for

Strategic and International Studies. They contributed this

become a source of global financial instability.

comment to The Washington Post.

in net national savings rates of as much as 15 percent.

could surpass 10 percent of their combined GDP by 2030. These projections fail to take into account the aggregate effect

bine to dramatically ratchet up the cost of public benefits.

gon, the death of Mao, the

ethnic riots in Malaysia. The Mao and Sukarno eras were both followed by dramatic policy changes that met with the approval of most neighbors and the West. In Indonesia, the new order was to be the beginning of How things develop in the 30 years of remarkable progress

Can the Suharto era end with-

By Philip Bowring its smoke is likely to Asia, and beyond, as the fall of create tensions with the imme- crats (and even fired his central stick within the letter of the diate neighbors, sour relations 1965 emasculation of President with the United States, Japan and China, and change assumptions about Indonesia's commitment to an open economic system, a secular society and a plural social structure?

Can it end without a trauma at least as great as Malaysia's in 1969, or without the shift from economic growth toward ethnic income equalization to which Malaysia's riots gave rise?

Despite ethnic, religious and regional divisions, Indonesia remains a spectacularly diverse and in most respects very tolerant society. To ask the hard questions is not to spread despond but to make the outside world better aware of the need to do what little it can to encourage real change at the top as the best way of supporting moderate changes in policy.
Problems which could easily

arise if deterioration continues: Further exodus of Indonesian Chinese people as well as capital, generating more do-mestic hostility to the minority and bringing to the surface latent hostility to a predominantly

Chinese neighbor, Singapore. Strains for Malaysia, which could face boatloads of illegal migrants to add to the many already in the country, and whose own delicate ethnic balance could be disturbed by nearby tensions.

 Detachment of a newly nationalist, isolationist Indonesia from its de facto close alliances with the United States and Japan, and tensions over strategically important straits.

 China, whose territorial claims are already a source of friction, could raise ethnic tensions in the region by speaking out for its brethren in Indonesia.

 A bankrupt Indonesia bereft of foreign and local Chinese capital, could reject the market economy and return to inward-looking state capitalism. There could be a shift away

from emphasis on national unity to a polity based on religious identity, raising communal tensions, complicating neighborly relations and perhaps threatenng territorial unity. These threats are not going to

materialize at once. But it does not need all of them to turn ASEAN into a dead letter, further disrupt regional economic progress and create strains for outside powers. A few riots do not make for revolution in a country this size, but there are disturbing signs that a highly centralized government is losing control of events, while appearing ever more stubborn.

For the first time on a major economic issue, President Su- mutual noninterference. bank governor) in pursuit of an instant cure for financial ills -- a dollar peg. While he may reasonably claim that IMF prescriptions have failed, the peg concept applied in Indonesia has

the credibility of faith healing. The army, on whose unity and good sense many hopes rest, is not visibly divided. But the high profile of young, ambitious son-in-law Prabowo Subjunto, recently appointed to head the special forces, is unlikely to have been welcomed

by all his fellow officers. The elevation of Research Minister B. J. Habibie, who has semi-familial ties to Mr. Suharto, also suggests a circling of the wagons by a diminishing but desperate band of loyalists.

Muslim-based opposition to the regime is growing by the day and has now overtaken Megawati Sukarnoputri as a rallying point. The most liberal-minded and accommodating Muslim leader, Abdurrahman Wahid, who many had hoped would be a key figure in transition, lies stricken by a stroke.

At street level, the economic situation can only deteriorate as currency collapse, factory clo-sures and drought combine.

Can the outside world help? The United States and Japan have concentrated on the economic issues, to the exclusion of the underlying political factors.
ASEAN neighbors wring their hands but keep public silence

out of respect for doctrines of Mr. Suharto continues to

constitution. But ethnic Chi-

nese regional capital, so recently displaying a triumphalism that invited retribution, is now trying to cut and run. The situation is dire enough that Japan, ASEAN friends and the United States should get together to try to persuade Mr. Suharto that political change is

a sine qua non of recovery. If he will not listen to private urgings, they should make it public. In addition, large writedowns of foreign debts are essential to any recovery. Many loans must have involved corruption on the part of lenders as well as borrowers. Those who assumed that doing deals with the family was an easy way

to make a buck should get their And there is justification now for some more overt policies to promote indigenous business, as Malaysia did after 1969. The policies there were not popular with the Chinese, or with foreigners, but they did help restore social stability, and nurtured 3 capitalist spirit among Malays.

Indonesia is a nonsectarian state, but majority Muslim identification could be increased without treading on the rights of others.

face to face with the end of the Suharto era. It is also confronting a modernity that has suddenly turned sour.

International Herald Tribune.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1898: Maine Accident

was the deliberate work of fiends and believe that it was the result of accident. The mostblatant and foolish jingoes do not breathe a suspicion that the Spanish authorities had a hand in the terrible event. The worst they intimate is that it might be the work of individual miscreants." There is not yet a scintilla

1923: Irish Amnesty

DUBLIN - President Cos-

the President declares that if it is not accepted there will be "no going back" and no meeting for peace negotiations. Every rebel. he says, must be prepared "to pay the price in full." The As-sociation of Neutral Members of the Irish Republican Army has forwarded to both sides propos-

gunfire and tear gas to quell Arab mobs demonstrating against the British military administration of Libya. A state of emergency was declared throughout Tripolitania. The rioting began when angry mobs stoned the offices of the British military administration here. The demonstrators shouted demands for the release from jail of the leader of the Khutla party, a militant Arab bloc standing for the independence of Libya and affiliation



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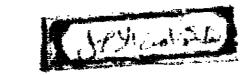
NEW YORK - The Herald today [Feb. 17] says: "Nothing since President Garfield's assassination has so shocked the country as the calamity to the Maine. The overwhelming majority reject the theory that it

of evidence that the explosion was anything but accident.

grave, of Dail Eireann, issued a stern warning to the rebels to-day [Feb. 17]. The offer of amnesty expires to-morrow, and

als for a truce of one month. 1948: Riots in Libya TRIPOLI --- British troops used

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OPINION/LETTERS

If Clinton Lied, Watch Polls Plummet

By David S. Broder

WASHINGTON — The mail is fascinating these days for the insights it offers Clinton has given her hus- timate judgment may be yet confronted that more sepublic is wrestling with the shield against public condemconfusing and disturbing information coming out of Then there are the factors

have been so high — and why any president. The economy is strong, crime rates and welfare rolls are down. People hard-core Democrats accept sensibly ask: Why upset the Hillary Clinton's contention apple cart?

he still remains in jeopardy.

that this is a "right-wing con-

writes: "I believe from the

beginning Paula Jones and

Gennifer Flowers were bought

and paid for by the Republican

Party and the Religious Right.

Both women are liars.

Many others, particularly baby boomers and Genera-

tion Xers, bury their doubts

about President Bill Clinton

beneath their deep distaste for

self-appointed moral moni-

tors. They write, as a Cin-

married persons working in

any city or county, in Con-

gress, in any large church, TV

network or anywhere else

who are playing around with

referred to as "troubles."

A woman from Tennessee

spiracy.

For the moment at least,

The nation has a political any twice-elected president.

Adultery may not bother the public, but telling the truth matters.

He is a known quantity. His portant to them, and they even accusers are people who popped up from nowhere. reason for removing Presi-Their own actions raise doubts.

legal immunity, seek publicity or book contracts. The press that echoes their

in many Americans' eyes. "Do newsmen get pleasure from putting President Clin-ton through the third de-gree?" a Wisconsin woman somebody of the opposite sex were fired from their jobs, the

asks. "What power do they unemployment rate would have to put him on trial?" Half of U.S. marriages end Some social critics say the in divorce, with adultery a support for Mr. Clinton refactor in many of the breakflects a deeply cynical public ups. Other marriages are ready to abandon important tested by infidelities but survalues; to trade ethics for a fat vive. The American people paycheck I don't agree. What may not condone extramarital we are seeing is the sensible affairs, but many of them ad- conservatism of people who mire couples who work want to wait for the facts to through what Mr. Clinton has emerge before they make up

their minds. My mail suggests the ul-



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Out of Line

vulnerability and beauty to

the role, which I do not feel

Miss Grishuk ever could have

happened to me in filming

"Ronin" was that Miss

Grishuk was unavailable be-

were fortunate enough to get

another two-time Olympic

I deeply resent artists in

any field saying derogatory

things about their colleagues.

Miss Grishuk should just take

her two medals and retreat

JOHN FRANKENHEIMER.

La Plaine Saint Denis,

silently into the wings.

Helping Indonesia

Hilton L. Root:

timated \$40 billion.

amounts to \$43 billion.

Golfing Matters

by Tom Kite:

Regarding "To Liberalize, Indonesia Has to Reform the

The article reported that

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President Suharto has built a business empire worth an es-

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KLAUS RIEBESEHL.

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obvious way to solve Indone-

sia's current financial prob-

Petaling Jaya, Malaysia.

Regarding "No Caris on the Course if Golf Is for Ath-

letes" (Meanwhile, Feb. 4)

If Mr. Kite thinks that pro-

fessional golf is only for ath-

letes, why do he and other

professional golfers not carry

their own bags? Why do cad-

dies select clubs and hand

TOM JEWISS.

Barcelona.

(Opinion, Jan. 27) by

champion, Katarina Witt.

The luckiest thing that has

No Military Action

Regarding "Ice Dancing Waltzes Into Conflict" (Sports, Feb. 14): We firmly believe that military action against Saddam Hussein at this time would be In spite of the fact that she is a profound mistake. It should be used only if all else has a brilliant skater, Pasha

Grishuk was way out of line There is now a considerwhen she made a derogatory able body of evidence, based comment about one of the stars in my film, Katarina Witt. least on reports from Miss Witt is not only United Nations agencies and magnificent skater, but she programs working in Iraq. brought a lovely quality of that the current sanctions re-

people of that country far more than the leadership. As a result, we believe that an agreement should continue to be sought with the Iraqi government that would allow for a phased relaxation of the sanctions currently in force. cause of the Olympics and we The people of Iraq should not

gime is afflicting the ordinary

longer.
The UN Security Council should draw up a comprehensive list of everything that remains outstanding in terms of its cease-fire resolution, including details of all the military sites that must be visited on a continuing basis.

be asked to suffer any

As the Iraqi government fulfills the demands on that list, so, on a step-by-step basis, should the sanctions be

If the Iraqis fail to reach an agreement or to implement one after it has been concluded, the Security Council will need to reconsider its po-

At that time, in our view, a new council resolution will be needed. In such a situation it is vital for the council to work on a basis of consensus - a basis that is clearly not

present at the moment. For a minority of states to take military action in the face lems. opposition from a great many other United Nations member states, including other permanent members of the Security Council, could prove disastrous and could lead to a Wider war in the region, with all that such an eventuality

would bring in its wake. MALCOLM HARPER. London

The writer is national diector of the United Nations Association in Britain. The them to the golfers? etter was also signed by five Other United Nations Asso-Nation officials.

into the way the American band has built a powerful harsh. A Floridian writes: rious charge. If proof appears

reprehensible and possibly il-Washington, You can see why in the national environment sex merely underlies and aclegal behavior. Extramarital the president's approval scores that would work in favor of centuates the real problem." And from Washington state: Personally, I don't

> sleeps with sheep. That truly But I do care if he uses a star-

the American people."
In the latest Washington Post-ABC News poll, those interviewed said by a 53 percent to 34 percent margin that they believe Mr. Clinton had insky. But 60 percent said that even if he did it was not immore rejected an affair as a

More than 8 out of 10, They secretly tape each other, negotiate publicly for the affair was more serious.

however, said that lying about So there is an obvious dis-connect. If Mr. Clinton had an affair, his past denials to the charges is itself deeply suspect public and to Paula Jones's

dent Clinton from office.

"Bill Clinton's problem is that the president has lied, Mr. Clinton may yet face Richard Nixon's fate. We should not forget the

one positive thing that emerged from the long ordeal of Watergate: the certain give a damn if the president knowledge that Americans in the 1970s were as deeply is between him and his wife. committed to the fundamental idea of the constitution and emotional investment in any twice-elected president.

Struck intern for his personal the rule of law — as the men who wrote the charter in the 1780s.

It took months to puncture the public's desire to think well of a president it had but recently re-elected. But once the facts were clear, Mr. Nixan affair with Monica Lew- on quickly lost his political and popular support.

The rule of law requires

any American to give truthful testimony when sworn as a witness in a legal proceeding. If it turns out that President Clinton has not done that, the props of public opinion now supporting him will collapse. would bet anything that Americans will once again say no one is above the law.

Making Whoopee for the Republic

WASHINGTON — Governor George W. Bush of Texas announced today that he will seek the Republican nomination in the year 2000, and that he currently maintains 'sexual relations with 46 female interns, and not a one of 'em [is] old

enough to vote." Standing before a cheering throng of supporters on the steps of the state capitol building. Mr. Bush announced that he would run on a platform of education, crime and free love. Steve Forbes interrupted a discus-

sion of tax policy on the Lehrer News-Hour last night to declare that he "routinely engages" in "wild orgies" with members of his political action commuttee staff. William Bennett, while promoting

his new best-seller, "The Book of Vices: Great Stories from Aristophanes to Arianna on Creative Degeneracy," said that he was "leaning toward running for president, and as president would name only Sports IIlustrated swimsuit models to the Supreme Count."

Jack Kemp told a convention of Baptist ministers today that the reason he fared so poorly during his 1996 debate with Vice President Al Gore was that he had been distracted by a in Manchester, New Hampshire, woman "sitting in the front row with Mr. Buchanan called for trade barriers,

By Christopher Buckley

empowerment zones like Mount

The former housing secretary said he would decide whether to run in 2000 after consulting with members of his escort service.

Former Vice President Dan Quayle said today that, contrary to his previous statements, he did have an affair with

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blonde "lobbvist" Paula Parkinson when he was a senator. "I knew Paula Parkinson," he told USA Today, "She was a friend of mine. And Paula Jones is no Paula Parkinson."

Mr. Quayle said that he would also campaign for "eliminating taxes and withdrawing American troops from Botswana." An aide later clarified that he meant Bosnia.

Patrick J. Buchanan formally entered the 2000 presidential election today. declaring that he has "done more fornicating in the last month alone than the rest of those weenies [the Republican challengers] have since high school.

Speaking at a crowded topless bar

repeal of the assault weapon ban and subsidies for U.S. condom manu-

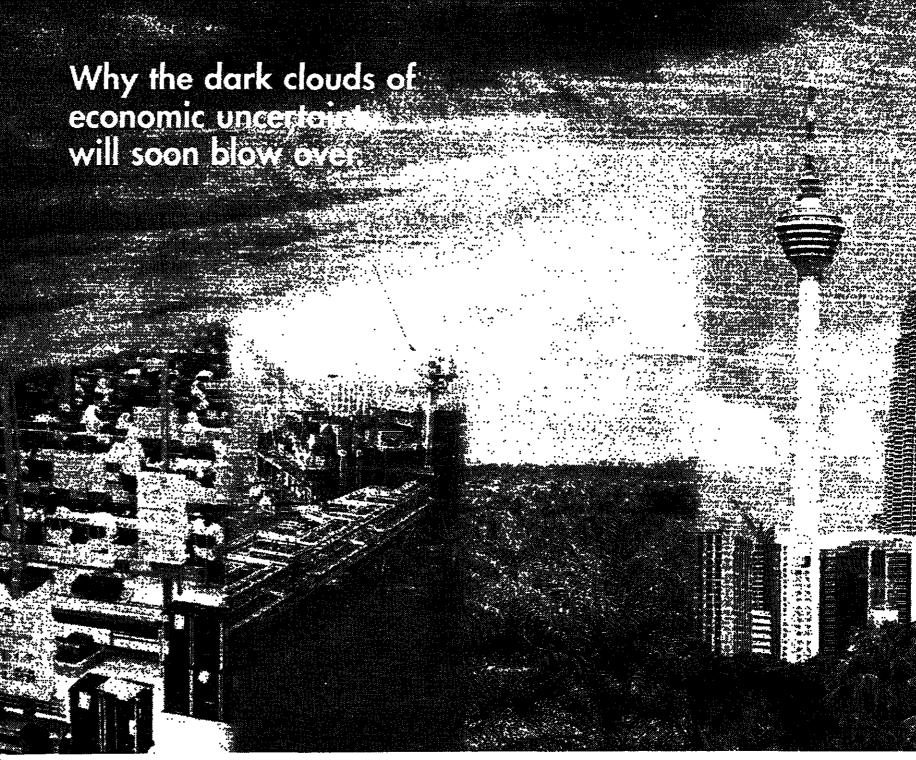
Former Governor William Weld threw his hat into the presidential ring today, announcing that he has "had" more than 10,000 women. Mr. Weld, a classics scholar, noted that many of the greatest Roman emperors had died of heart attacks during orgies or from venereal disease, "and just look at the infrastructure they left behind."

Larnar Alexander and his wife appeared on the program "60 Minutes" last night in an effort to dispel rumors that he was not having an affair with a University of Tennessee sophomore.

In what political watchers say is an indication that he, too, will seek the Republican nomination, the televangelist Pat Robertson said today on his '700 Club' program that he had gone over the Good Book with a finetoothed comb, and nowhere does it say that a man can't have a little harmless fun around the office."

Vice President Gore's popularity is reported to be plunging amid mounting Republican charges that he has been faithful to his wife.

The writer, editor of Forbes FYI Manchester, New Hampshire, magazine, contributed this comment to Buchanan called for trade barriers, The Washington Post.



There have been dark clouds hovering over Malaysia lately. One such cloud has cleared... the haze. Yet when we were about to enjoy blue skies again, another dark cloud set in... economic uncertainty.

We Malaysians, however, expect this to clear too. In due time. With an optimism that is borne out of four decades of incredible economic growth the world has been witness to.

With the perseverance to make changes and sacrifices. With the wisdom of solid economic fundamentals to see us through. With the determination to do everything for the economy to bounce back.

> And bounce back we will. How can we be so bullish about it? Because we've overcome other adversities before. And we'll do it again.

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A Wayward 'Tristan and Isolde': What Does It Mean?

By David Stevens International Herald Tribune

- Wagner's "Tristan und Isolde" is perhaps the prime example of a music drama in which all the drama is in the music, and the least one can ask of the stage presentation is that it not make too many irrelevant claims on the public's

In that respect, the new Paris Opera production takes the wrong turn at almost every intersection. To have a visible shepherd pretending to play a weird pipe while the real

English horn sounds from offstage is fatuous believe that any magic potion would be that enough, but when the stage shepherd stops enough, but when the stage shepherd stops pretending and sound keeps coming, what does

The all-purpose contemporary costumes range from vaguely chic pantsuits for Isolde and Brangaene to a comic valet getup for Kurwenal to ordinary street clothes for King Marke.

In Stein Winge's production, no effort is made to have Marke look like an old man, so there he is — Rene Pape — tall, good looking, young and with a marvelously expressive bass voice, and we are asked to believe that Isolde is turning her back on life at court with this person. It is hard to

est tubes in Brangaene's collection.

Lennart Mork's set for the first act was a huge frame that might have been the ribs of a seagoing vessel, with a bridge-like tower for Tristan. In the second act this was turned upside down, providing a kind of stylized garden for the en-raptured couple to have their tryst, all the while wrestling with a huge colored, wind-blown drape that they finally succeed in wrapping around themselves.

The third act seemed to take place in an abandoned junkyard, full of rocks and modern

metallic discards, including a thermos jug for times sacrificed control to volume. Kurwenal.

Meanwhile, James Conlon and his splendid orchestra played through this with great attention to detail, a fluid, forward-pressing sense of Wagnerian movement, and seemingly fine indifference to the goings-on above them.

The cast ranged from superb to passable, but most of the excellence was concentrated in the

lower end of the scale. Aside from Pape's nobly resonant Marke, Monte Pederson was a Kurwenal of barely con-tained vehemence, and Jane Henschel as Brangaene displayed a powerful mezzo that some-

Carol Yahr, who stepped into this production late as Isolde, was visually con-vincing as a girlish Irish princess, and vocally convincing too as long as she did not press too hard for dramatic effect. Her Liebestod showed that she knows how to save her best for last. Her Tristan, Wolfgang Schmidt, was sturdy but pedestrian, a tenor with unflagging but unvaried and uninteresting tonal quality. Unfairly, though predictably, he was the designated victim. of the Bastille booers. Stephen Salters as Melot and Scot Weir, doubling as shepherd and sea-

man, made strong contributions.

Bulgakov's 'Flight' Of White Russians

A Play Fit for the National

By Sheridan Morley International Herald Tribune

ONDON — One of the requirements, indeed designations, of a national theater that is not to disintegrate into a museum, as have so many elsewhere in Europe, is surely that it introduce us to major and sometimes epic work that no other stage in the land could afford or consider.

The jury is still out on the new Trevor Nunn regime on the South Bank; neither his new "Enemy of the People" nor

"Peter Pan" are exactly rediscoveries, and the announcements of a forthcoming "Okla- THE ATER homa" for the summer and a "Private Lives" to celebrate the Coward centennial next year, when there are around 50 other plays of his infinitely more am-

bitious and largely unstageable elsewhere, is frankly more than a little depressing in its weary, play-safe familiarity.

But we do have, on the open Olivier stage, Mikhail Bulgakov's "Flight" and this at least is precisely what the National Theatre should be doing. Written in 1926 by the great Russian author of "The Master and Margarita," this one was all too predictably banned by Stalin and only resurfaced long after the author's death in 1940. Essentially it's an epic black comedy in eight episodes, through which we follow a group of White Russians on the run from the 1917 civil war but still dreaming of a return to the homeland just before Len- fringe director, shown a real if unfash-

in ruled that yet another impossibility. Other playwrights and screenwriters have had their fun with White Russians in exile, not least during the Broadway and Hollywood '30s of "Ninotchka" and "Tovarich," but Bulgakov's play has the courage of a vast odyssey. We follow these no-hopers through Constantinople and into Paris as, increasingly desperate, they take up crime and cockroach-racing and gambling in an attempt to restore lost family fortunes.

Alan Howard, in magnificent lassitude, heads the troupe of losers on the run, and in Howard Davies's superbly spectacular production the new Ron Hutchinson translation crackles with energy. Hopelessly underpowered, ill and wildly impractical, this

gypsy band drifts across the democratic world trying to find lost identities, a living, or maybe just some distant relative to offer them bed and board until the hext revolution, the one that never came.

Bulgakov's genius was to tell a civil war story of death and horror with an amazing amount of bleak and black humor; just as we start to feel sorry for these exiles, we are shown how utterly hopeless they will always be at rebuilding any kind of a life. This is a pageant of retreat, about people who wander and lust but cannot deal with wanderlust; it's the kind of circus only the National can and should be doing.

At his Lyric Hammersmith, Neil

Bartlett has, unusually for a young





Left, Paul Shelley and Fiona Ramsay in "Macbeth"; Laurence Mitchell and Amanda Harris in Rattigan's "Cause Célèbre."

ionable interest in the Shaftesbury Avenue past, plays of snobbery-with-vi-olence such as Maugham's "The Letter" a couple of years ago and now Terence Rattigan's last play, "Cause Célèbre," completed only weeks before his death in 1977.

Given our passion for vintage murder trials, it is not surprising that other playwrights, notably Simon Gray in "Death of a Teddy Bear," should have had a go at the Alma Rattenbury murder trial that so obsessed the tabloids in 1935. The case had just about everything; glamorous if alcoholic older woman hires likely young lad as chauffeur, and together they end up killing her querulous and inconvenient but rich old husband. The case

comes to trial, Rattenbury gets off and duly commits suicide; boy is sentenced to hang but reprieved by public de-mand as innocent lad misled. He lives now in tranquil Bournemouth retirement, well into his 80s.

Rattigan's genius was to see in this well-known trial a whole case history of prewar British social and sexual repression, precisely the area that had most concerned him in such earlier and better plays as "Separate Tables," and Bartlett has done him proud, cross-cutting court scenes with the events at the Villa Madeira and even paralleling Rattenbury with one of her jurors, also in danger of losing a beloved teenage boy.

Neil Stacy and Terry Taplin lead court scenes of nail-biting suspense,

while Amanda Harris and Laurence Mitchell are equally well-matched as the killers. There is no better revival of a British play anywhere in London.

We underestimate Sam Walters at our peril. Only Dan Crawford at the everimperiled King's Head in Islington has a longer record of running a pub theater, although since Walters's Orange Tree has now moved across the road it is technically a theater next to a pub rather than inside one.

In the almost 30 years since he founded the Orange Tree, I can only recall one Shakespeare there, which makes the "Macbeth" that opened this week all the more intriguing. It has a cast of only 10, and is played on a stage with virtually no props or identifiable costumes:

Rare Compassion for 'Falstaff'

there is no precise period here, and precious few Scots accents.

Indeed Walters's production starts alarmingly neutrally. But then, in the second half, it suddenly gets fascinating, the notoriously difficult "England" scene, always the hardest in the play to sustain audience interest, becomes here an electrifying political and moral de-bate, and immediately afterward, Paul Shelley's hitherto only serviceable Macbeth starts to tear up the planking of the stage like some manic Noah bent on sinking his own ark. The subsequent battle scenes are played Kabuki-style, and the last becomes a center of tension and surprise that suddenly lifts, almost too late, a low-key revival into

something meameric and magnificent.

BOOKS

RADCLYFFE HALL:

By Sally Cline. 434 pages. \$32.50. Overlook Press. Reviewed by Jeannine DeLombard

DESPITE the title of her best-known book, "The Well of Loneliness," Radclyffe Hall's most vexing problem was not solitude but society. At least this is the impression one gets from reading Sally Cline's carefully researched biography of Hall, arguably the early 20th cen-

tury's most famous lesbian. Like a sculptor creating a likeness out of a block of marble, Cline chips away at Hall's turbulent friendships, family relationships and romances to expose the contours of the complicated personality at their center. That allowed her to escape from her this study remains a portrait of Hall's stony exterior, ultimately offering little insight into her thoughts and emotions, is perhaps due to the fact that, with the exception of a voluminous correspondence at the end of her life,

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in her immediate family, composed of an absentee father from the fringes of British aristocracy and an abusive, exploitative American mother. Born in Bournemouth, England, in 1880, Marguerite Radclyffe-Hall lived the pained, meditative existence that seems to characterize the early lives of so many writers. The death of Hall's irresponsible, dissolute father when she was 18 left her with enough money to pursue her literary interests without the need for more mundane employment; it also mother's new husband, whom Cline suggests may have mo-

lested his stepdaughter. Cline would have been well advised to abandon her plodding chronological approach and open her study with one of the more sen-Hall left very little in the way sational moments in Hall's

ADVICE, HOW-TO AND MISCELLANEOUS

SIMPLE ABUNDANCE.

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of autobiographical writings, tempestuous life — the obforcing Cline to draw primar- scenity trials over "The Well from family and friends durof Loneliness," for example, of Hall's three most impor- or one of her tragic love triangles --- working in the dull details of Hall's ancestry and childhood where necessary. Hall's lifelong experience As it is, Cline's dutiful exof stormy personal relationcavation of this information ships began, not surprisingly, in the book's early chapters not only risks driving away readers; it also leads her to rely overmuch on Hall's fiction for psychological insight, which in turn leads to over-

simplification.

The adult Hall -- or John, as she was known socially --is more interesting, if not more accessible, than the young Marguerite. Those familiar with Radclyffe Hall through photographs of her in austere middle age, sporting tailored tweeds, slicked-back hair, and a tie, may be surprised to find that, although she enjoyed both female lovers and what was then perceived as masculine dress, Hall was a political conservative and a devout Catholic who wore only skirts in public through the 1920s and did not cut her kneelength blond hair until she was

almost 40 years old. Hall's identity as a poet and a lesbian emerged during her long relationship with Mabel (Ladye) Batten, a celebrated mezzo-soprano, composer, grandmother and the former lover of King Edward VII. The relationship ended tragically with Ladye's death. which occurred while Hall complicated female relationwas romping around the English countryside with her new as her writing, defined and lover (and Ladye's young, structured her life. married cousin), Una Trou-

Over the next 28 years, Troubridge became the classic her own career and ambitions to that of her beloved, searching out conducive writing en- this for The Washington Post.

ing periods of intense creativity, neglecting her own daughter, and finding titles for many of Hall's novels. Troubridge celebrated with Hall over the critical success of her 1926 novel "Adam's Breed" and supported her through the grueling obscenity trials that prohibited the publication in England of "The Well of Loneliness." Troubridge even tolerated Hall's torrid nine-year affair with her 28-

year-old White Russian nurse.

Evguenia Souline, which con-

tinued until Hall's death of

cancer in 1943.

HALL'S passionate cor-respondence with Sonline offers the most sustained glimpse of the inner workings of the lesbian icon's mind. It is not, however, an attractive one: In her twice-daily letters to the young Russian refugee, Hall ceaselessly tries to bully and baby-talk her lover into passivity and dependence. (In one letter, a stern Hall punishes Souline for her decision to enroll in a typing and shorthand course at Oxford by cutting by £5 her monthly "allowance" — which Souline appears to have accepted only reluctantly in the first place.) The image that emerges from these letters, as from the biography itself, is of an in-

secure, domineering woman

determined to master the

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DeLombard. whose essays and short fiction have appeared in "Dyke Life: literary wife, subordinating A Celebration of the Lesbian bian Erotica 1997," wrote

And a Thunderous Ovation for Abbado in Berlin By Paul Moor International Herald Tribune -ERLIN - On opening night of Jonathan Miller's production of Verdi's "Falstaff" at the

Staatsoper, its conductor, Claudio Abbado, got an ovation he will not soon forget from an audience obviously regretful to see him go. Shortly before the performance, he had dropped a bombshell, offhandedly

mentioning in a tabloid interview his intention not to extend his contract as conductor of the Berlin Philharmonic beyond the year 2002 - ostensibly to have more time for "reading, sailing

His debut appearance conducting at the Staatsoper provided Berliners their first opportunity to express their affection and show how they feel about that.
Musicians worldwide tend to rate the

Berlin Philharmonic the world's best, making its conductorship the ultimate accolade. Abbado's predecessor, Herbert von Karajan, had a lifetime contract; before him, the legendary Wilhelm Furtwaengier died in office.

The Abbado era has brought Berlin the benefit of exceptionally rich crosspollination: Abbado's band frequently welcomes the Staatsoper's music director, Daniel Barenboim, as guest con-

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ductor, and Barenboim's friendly re-ciprocation has brought us a "Falstaff" worthy of any opera house anywhere.

Miller's psychological concept de-parts strikingly from the customary view of this geriatric miracle (Verdi com-posed it at 80) as a leering Anglo-Italian variation on French bedroom farce. This Falstaff, in fact, evokes Shylock's "If ou prick us, do we not bleed?" The fat. famous old goat's eventual humiliation and degradation make him more a figure of compassion than fun. The merry wives' malicious conspiracy derives more from unconventional realism than from comic ribaldry.

Opening night began with a disheartening announcement: Ruggero Rai-mondi, eagerly anticipated as Falstaff, would save the premiere in spite of severe indisposition. For a man indisposed, he came through with a remarkable performance, vocally as well as dramatically

He had superlative support: Dorothea Roeschmann (visually and vocally ravishing as Nanetta), Marjana Lipovsek (Dame Quickly, more restrained than customary), Soile Isokoski (Alice), Lucio Gallo (Ford), Marcelo Alvarez (Fenton, dramatically a bit pallid), with Panza-like Anthony Mee and the towering Andrea Silvestrelli a Mutt and Jeff version of Bardolfo and Pistola.

Herbert Kapplmueller's sets rang changes on M.C. Escher's perspective trickery, pushing much of the action almost into the orchestra pit. Clare Mitchell's costumes reached their pinnacle in the randy old popinjay's tatterdemalion but still cocky finery when he struts out a-courting.

By post-performance consensus, the orchestra (known during its concert series as the Berliner Staatskapelle) played as rarely before, with transparency and pinpoint accuracy recalling what Toscanini got out of his supervirtuoso NBC Symphony. The players got a thoroughly deserved ovation when they appeared, in full force, for their curtain call.

UT the most thunderous ovation of all went to Abbado. movingly showing him how much his Berlin fans hate to lose him. Now starts the customary international conductors' game of musical chairs. Abbado's stewardship has substantially reduced the average age of the Philharmonic. Names of appositely younger conductors bandied about and already in good standing with those finicky men and women who choose their boss: Metzmacher, Nagano, Pap-Burner of the second of the se pano, Rattle, Salonen, Thielemann and

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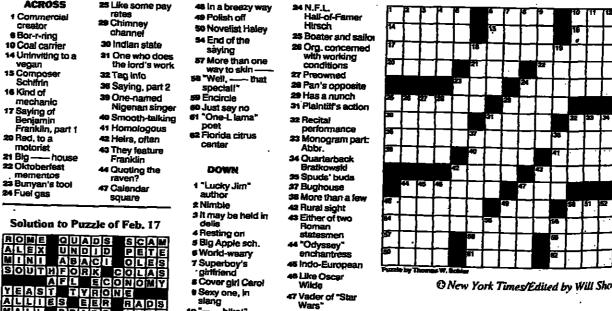
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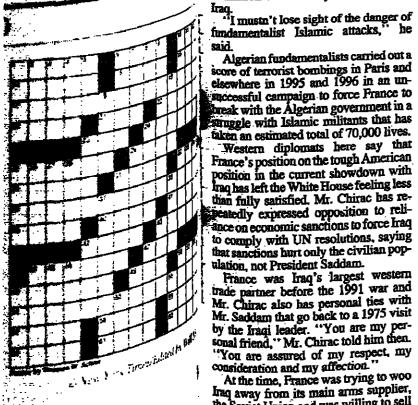
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U.S. Is Now Targeting Iraqi's Network of Internal Control

By Barton Gellman ashington Post Service

WASHINGTON --- As President Bill Clinton and his top advisers embark on what amounts to a marketing campaign for airstrikes on Iraq, the trend in their evolving war plan goes well beyond the emphasis in public on damaging pro-

hibited weapons programs, say participants in the continuing internal debate.

Defense and foreign policy officials said the president's national security team remains divided over the aims and expectations of the intended bombardment and frustrated senior officers said the target lists accumulating in the converted Bedomin village of Eskan in Saudi Arabia, the U.S. Central Command's forward air headquarters, are still subject

But as bombing plans have expanded to encompass what one senior flag officer described as "thousands of aim points" in Iraq, a large share of the intended

By Craig R. Whitney
New York Times Service

ed. Mr. Yeltsin and Mr. Chirac agreed in

the phone conversation to continue joint

Chirac that Iraq would deal "positive-

ly" with any ideas for a solution that Mr.

Annan brought with him to Baghdad.

to Baghdad if all five permanent mem-

bers of the Security Council - the

United States, France, China, Russia and

Mr. Annan is scheduled to visit Paris

on Wednesday but will not be seeing Mr.

Sahhaf here, as was earlier thought possible, since the Iraqi foreign minister left

after his talks Tuesday. He also met with Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrine who.

diplomats said, reinforced Mr. Chirac's

The French statement, like earlies

officials made it clear that France, which

joined in the American-led war to expel

haq from Kuwait in 1991, would stay on

the sidelines if the bombs start falling

Interior Minister Jean-Pierre Che-

venement, who resigned in protest as

defense minister in 1991 because of

French support for the war, said that

keeping clear would ensure that France

retaliation for military action against

Algerian fundamentalists carried out a

Western diplomats here say that

France was Iraq's largest western

You are assured of my respect, my

At the time, France was trying to woo

Iraq away from its main arms supplier,

the Soviet Union and was willing to sell

Baghdad billions of dollars worth of

Mirage fighter-bombers, anti-aircraft

batteries and a nuclear reactor

Kremlin said in a statement.

Britain — approve his trip.

violence is now directed at the apparatus maintaining President Saddam Hussein in power, from networks of secret police of State Madeleine Albright said last week that "We reserve the right for a week that "We reserve the right for a weapons, a top flag officer said involved in the control of those sorts of weapons, a top flag officer said involved in the control of those sorts of weapons, a top flag officer said involved in the control of those sorts of weapons. to Ba'ath Party organs. Apart from the follow-up strike." longshot hope of a change of government, officials said, the aim is to crush Mr. Saddam's defiance by threatening his most valued assets of internal control.

The administration does not wish to advertise this intention, according to several accounts, because it fears the plan may not work. "In our public discourse of this we need to focus on an achievable objective." a senior administration official said. But President Clinton's stated inten-

tion — to damage forbidden weapons stocks from the air, rather than compel Iraq to give full access to United Nations inspectors charged with discovering them on the ground - has been challenged by some in Congress and elsewhere as too limited. When critics in and out of government noted that Iraq could out of government noted that Iraq could quickly reconstitute its biological and allow him to stay in power, threaten his

There is broad dissatisfaction with that strategy in the military establishment, several senior officials said. 'We pay such a huge price politically

that we have fewer friends next time and even fewer the time after that," a military planner said. "Every six months doing maintenance strikes on Iraq for the next 10 years doesn't seem to be good foreign policy or military strategy."

General Anthony Zinni, chief of the

U.S. Central Command, telegraphed an alternative in comments to traveling defense reporters last week. Asked what he had meant in a previous statement, when he spoke of targeting "what Saddam holds dear," he listed first among the intended targets the Iraqi president's apparatus of internal control

assets, and those are the kind of things I feel he holds dear," he said.

The Gulf War in 1991 featured a similar but largely abortive effort to target Mr. Saddam's power base. But the ob- to leave that alone as we have in jectives of that war's six-week air campaign were largely elsewhere, and target planners then devoted less than I percent of their bombing missions — 260 of 36,046 "strike sorties" — to the category they designated "L" for leadership.

This time there will be far fewer bombing runs in all — probably less than power." 400 a day, several senior officers estimated.

But with the war plans lasting at least several days, senior generals said, American and British planes could drop more precision-guided weapons this time than they did seven years ago on what one officer called Mr. Saddam's "apparatus of repression."

"The emphasis is not just on weapons, a top flag officer said. "The emphasis is on 'You're going to make it hurt,' and the

best way to hurt him is his core infrastructure. We're not going "If he feels threatened enough with his regime stabil-

acquiesce. It's typical dictator mentality that the biggest thing that drives him is holding onto Leadership targets in the

ity, then he has no choice but to

1991 war were concentrated

largely in downtown Baghdad.

But the intervening seven years, defense and intelligence officials said, have revealed a good deal more about Mr. Saddam's mechanisms of control, including regional centers of the secret police and the Special Security Orga-

U.S. 5th Fleet, joined neighboring Sandi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates in prohibiting use of the U.S. bases on their territory for any attack against Iraq. There are 36 U.S. warplanes, including F-

Bahrain Bars Sorties

The Associated Press

Tuesday that it would not allow U.S. war-

planes based on the island to take part in any

attack against Iraq.

Bahrain, site of the headquarters of the

MANAMA, Bahrain — Bahrain said

15 and F-16 strike fighters, based in

"Bahrain believes that it is necessary to redouble the political efforts," Information Minister Mohammed Mutawaa was quoted as saying, for the United Nations and Iraq "to reach a peaceful solution."

> nization run by his younger son, Qusay. Among the new sources of information have been thousands of reconnaissance flights in support of UN inspectors and the windfall brought by the 1995 defection to Jordan of Hussein Kamel Hassan, a top lieutenant and son-in-law of Mr. Saddam.

The Clinton administration has struggled for nearly four months to harness military force to the broad U.S. interest in blocking Iraq's development of nuclear, biological and chemical weapons and the missiles to deliver

Members of interagency working groups said they considered and rejected plans ranging from insertion of ground troops for "inspections by force" to an escalating sequence of bombardment and ultimatum.

In a meeting in November of the cabinet-rank national security team, shortly after Iraq expelled all Americans on the UN inspection teams, Mrs. Albright solicited a debate on whether the administration should shift its emphasis from containment of the Baghdad government to its replacement.

One cabinet official said that was "clearly one of the most difficult questions" the administration faced, but according to accounts from the meeting. the national security adviser, Samuel Berger, and the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Henry Shelton. rejected the idea at once, saying that it was beyond the means of any but the largest military intervention, with U.S.

ground troops.

When a diplomatic solution brokered by Russia gave way to renewed impasse with the UN inspection teams last month, several officials said the Clinton administration began to threaten the use of military force before fully thinking through what force might be used.

'The idea we had was that diplomacy plus the threat of force would coerce him to allow the inspectors to return and do their jobs," said one official. "It may not or it may yet.

The administration's bid for political support, which focused last week on private briefings for members of Congress, goes to the public Tuesday with a intended for live telecast.

On Wednesday, his three senior advisers - Mrs. Albright, Mr. Berger and Defense Secretary William Cohen will lead a "town meeting" or public debate at Ohio State University.

Unlimited access for UN inspectors - "unfettered and unconditional," in to stop, a State Department official said. The United Mrs. Albright's mantra — became the centerpiece of the administration's public diplomacy. Asked about the purpose of military force, she said flatly on Jan. 28 that it was to coerce a change of behavior by Mr. Saddam, but she and others dropped that formulation soon

> Defense officials warned in the indertake to destroy the bulk of Iraqi chemical and biological weapons because they do not know where many of them are hidden and they can be so easily rebuilt, participants said.

Hamas Vows to Attack Israel if U.S. Hits Iraq

GAZA — The armed wing of the militant Palestinian group Hamas vowed Tuesday to carry out attacks against Israel if the United States takes military action against Iraq.
"We will not stand with our hands

tied if the Iraqi people and their children or any Arab or Muslim people are subjected to U.S. military attacks," the Qassam Brigades said in a statement. "And we will answer this in our special way by hitting the Zionist depth and its monstrous entity."
"We consider this a continuation of

our holy struggle against the Zionist enemy," the statement added. "This is serious, not a joke, and you will realize the truth of this soon.'

Hamas, which violently opposes peace deals between the Palestinians and Israel, has carried out several suicide bombings that have killed scores of Is-

The United States and Britain have threatened air strikes if Iraq does not give UN inspectors full access to sites suspected of containing materials for

Palestinian police diverting supporters of Saddam Hussein of Iraq as they marched Tuesday in Bethlehem.

Congress Declares a Long-Term War on Saddam

By Eric Schmitt

WASHINGTON - Before the first bomb is dropped on Iraq, congressional leaders are telling the Clinton administration what it should do after that. If diplomacy fails to resolve the crisis in Iraq, the administration says, its strategy is not to topple Pres-

ident Saddam Hussein but to contain

elusive chemical and biological arsenal. But a Republican-dominated chorus in Congress strategy to oust Mr. Saddam.

"Air attacks will do limited damage." said Senator John McCain, Republican of Arizona and a member of the Armed Services Committee. "But following that, there has to be this effort to destabilize and overthrow him. Otherwise we'll end up in the same situation a year or two years or three years from now.'

efforts to avert the use of force, the Few if any lawmakers are even hinting at a replay of the Gulf ground war in 1991 to settle things. Said Mr. Sahhaf said after meeting Mr. Senator Dan Coats, Republican of Indiana and another committee member: "There are alternatives other than simply sending hundreds of thousands of ground The secretary-general is expected to go

troops into Baghdad."

Such Republicans as the House speaker, Representative Newt Gingrich of Georgia, and such Democrats as Senator Carl Levin of Michigan tick off a to-do list for President Bill Clinton and his national security

The options include enlarging the existing no-flight

including a government in exile, and setting up a 'Radio Free Iraq'' to stir public opposition.

'The doctrine here has to be roll back, not containment," the Senate majority leader, Trent Lott of Mississippi, said on the Senate floor last week.

Not that the administration is closed to new ideas. The national security adviser, Samuel Berger, met for more than an hour at the White House last week with a dozen national security experts, including a former and in foreign-policy circles is demanding a long-term Defense Department undersecretary, Paul Wolfowitz, and former director of central intelligence, James

"Getting rid of Saddam is not a fairy tale," said Mr. Wolfowitz, a top-ranking official in the Bush administration. "It's doable. But they're afraid of the same thing that Bush was afraid of: declaring a goal and not achieving it."

But as Phebe Marr, a national security expert on Iraq, put it, "There are no good options in Iraq, only less bad ones." Until the recent crisis intensified, allied aircraft flew

20 flights a day over northern Iraq and 80 flights a day over the south to enforce no-flight zones that date from the end of the Gulf War. Proponents of enlarging the zones to cover all of Iraq

say doing so would deny Mr. Saddam sovereignty over his skies and prohibit him from using helicopter gun-

ships to help suppress any rebellions.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff fear, however, that and no-drive zones in Iraq, tightening the economic patrolling the huge area would be too costly, tying up decimated by Iraq's security forces.

embargo, disbursing the billions of Iraqi assets frozen three to four times as many aircraft as the military uses after the 1990 invasion of Kuwait to opposition groups, now.

Mr. Saddam would be likely to test any edict by putting women and children aboard helicopters and daring U.S. fighters to shoot them down or force them to land, military experts say.

Another idea is to expand the no-drive zone in southern Iraq. gi troops and tanks are forbidden to mass south o

the 32d parallel, and experts say the cost of patrolling a larger area would be prohibitive. The administration has also been trying to figure out

whether it can tighten the already tight screws on Iraq's economy with additional financial freezes and economic sanctions. The embargo has already cost Baghdad \$110 billion in oil sales alone, Mr. Berger said. The black-market flow of oil and other goods is hard

States is not particularly eager to stop illicit oil flows to Jordan, because Iraq is Jordan's only source of oil, the official added. Moreover, Iran turns a blind eye to small trading

ships that run along its hundreds of miles of coastline. Blocking this illicit commerce would be difficult for the marginal additional pressure on Mr. Saddam, naval

Finally, many critics have urged the administration ternal debate that they could not unto foster the Iraqi opposition, inside and outside the

But that option has flaws too. The opposition groups are relatively disorganized, poorly financed and

IRAQ: Force May Be the 'Only Answer'

after.

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reaching diplomatic initiatives and the U.S.-led military buildup around Iraq again Tuesday. If he gets their endorsewere both nearing a climax.

The UN secretary-general, Kofi Annan, was meeting ambassadors of the five permanent members of the Security Council to seek their mandate for an urgent mission to Baghdad; the United States has insisted that Mr. Annan not be authorized to offer any concessions to Mr. Saddam.

There was no immediate indication, however, that the combined weight of diplomatic pressure and military threat had brought the Iraqi government anywhere closer to a compromise.

Mr. Clinton was speaking at the beginning of a week in which U.S. officials are expected to take their case for military action to the American public. On Wednesday, Mr. Cohen, Secretary

ficers and the presidents and other of- of State Madeleine Albright and the president's national security adviser, Samuel Berger, all of whom joined Mr. Clinton at the Pentagon on Tuesday, are to appear at Ohio State University in Columbus to explain the U.S. policy on Iraq. Mrs. Albright is to visit several

> Clinton said in his speech, "Saddam and steps will be emboldened tomorrow."

■ Annan's Guidelines

Steven Erlanger of The New York Times reported from Washington: Mr. Annan is expected to leave this week for Baghdad carrying American guidelines to limit any diplomatic compromise he may negotiate with Saddam

The guidelines are intended to allow gotiations over access to so-called pres-

scom must not be undermined or lim-

The Security Council was meeting ment, Mr. Annan could leave for Iraq before the weekend.

While not binding on Mr. Annan, the American guidelines will probably form the core of any consensus the Security Council might reach. And the guide-lines, a senior American official said Monday, will show "where our bottom line is, because he knows there's not much point going to Baghdad and floating a proposal that we won't accept."

The Americans and British are willing to let Mr. Annan explore with Mr. Saddam some "special procedures" for the inspection of specific Iraqi presidential residences that could require the approval of Mr. Annan himself or having inspectors accompanied by other diplomats, the officials said.

Iraq Exported Arms

WASHINGTON - The White House said Monday that it had no credible evidence to back up a congressional report that Iraq farmed out deadly weapon components and SCUD missiles to sympathetic Arab nations, including Sudan, Yemen,

CLINTON: An Embarrassing Interview

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ones, made it clear that France would much prefer a peaceful solution, and doghouse," he said, for answering ques-

tions he should not have. Mr. McCurry's comments, however, suggested that the White House was laying the groundwork for conceding that the relationship between Mr. Clinton and Ms. Lewinsky was something more than that of "colleagues," as administration officials have said.

Mr. Clinton has said adamantly that he had no sexual relationship with Ms. did not become the target of terrorist Lewinsky. But he has yet to offer a full attacks by Islamic fundamentalists in response to allegations that he met repeatedly with the young woman, telephoned her and gave her gifts.

"Maybe there Il be a simple, innocent

explanation," Mr. McCurry said in the interview. "Idon't think so, because I think we would have offered that up already."
"I think it's going to end up being a

elsewhere in 1995 and 1996 in an unvery complicated story, as most human relationships are," he told a Tribune reporter. "And I don't think it's going to be entirely easy to explain, maybe." It remained unclear when Ms. Lew-

insky would appear before the grand jury. Her attorney has said negotiations to secure full legal immunity for her in exchange for her testimony have stalled. It was also uncertain when or whether her mother, Marcia Lewis, might return

to testify. She had been expected to appear last week for a third day before the grand jury, but her lawyer said she was too traumatized after two days of testimony to return. Mr. McCurry, meanwhile, said one reason Mr. Clinton had been reluctant to reveal more about the relationship was

his concern that any information could be used to pressure people to twist the truth: "The other danger here is there may be enormous pressure on people to minutes."

say certain things. That's a very real concern our lawyers have."

Mr. Leit Fox "didn' Mr. McCurry would not speculate on when Mr. Clinton would provide a full

account. In the meantime, he said, "the

truthful and credible and that we do no disservice to the truth in the time beman said. "I've put myself in my own tween now and whenever we can provide a fuller account." He said that while Mr. Clinton had

borne up well under the pressures of the Lewinsky investigation, the mood in the White House was one of tension and distrust, as the president held his tongue on some subjects for fear that even some close advisers might leak information.
"This is the White House at the end of

the 20th century," he told the Tribune. "Not only a fishbowl, but the klieg lights are on all the time. It is extraordinary. There is no zone of privacy. Mr. McCurry, who is widely respec-ted by reporters as a credible repre-

sentative of the president, has said that he himself has avoided involvement with details of the case, out of a fear. shared by others in the White House, of being subpoenaed to testify or suffering other expensive legal entanglements.

He declined to offer new details about the case to the interviewer. But he said he found allegations of any sexual adventure in the Oval Office difficult to believe because of the number of people frequently moving through the area.

Mr. Fox, the retired Secret Service officer, appeared before the grand jury under an agreement reached Friday between the office of the independent counsel, Attorney General Janet Reno and the Treasury Department, which oversees the service. The agreement bars investigators from asking questions that could impede the ability of the Secret Service to protect the president.

Mr. Fox's lawyer, Michael Leibig, said Tuesday that his client was guarding the Oval Office on a fail afternoon in 1995 when Ms. Lewinsky went in, and that she stayed "from 20 to 40

Mr. Leibig said on ABC-TV that Mr. Fox "didn't see anyone else at the time" with Mr. Clinton and Ms. Lewinsky but that Mr. Fox "didn't see all the exits."

Lewis Fox, a former Secret Service officer, after testifying on Tuesday.

could seriously damage the future relationship between those agents or officials they protect. Mr. Leibig, who also represents an association of former uniformed Secret Service agents, warned could compromise national security.

sought by Kenneth Starr, the independcourt to support an effort by Francis Carter, a Washington lawyer who briefly represented Ms. Lewinsky, to avoid testifying to the grand jury.

testimony would be a violation of the

Ms. Lewinsky by Vernon Jordan, an

that grand jury testimony by any agent Meanwhile, another potential obstacle was being raised to the testimony ent counsel. The National Association of planned to file a brief Tuesday in federal

The association planned to say such normal attorney-client privilege. Mr. Carter had been recommended to

adviser of the president's, and Mr. Carter represented her when she provided a Mr. Annan, acting on behalf of the Sesworn affidavit in the Paula Jones case curity Council, to make some symbolic against Mr. Clinton, saying she had not had a sexual relationship with the president. She later replaced Mr. Carter with idential compounds. But they make it account. In the meantime, he said, "the account In the me

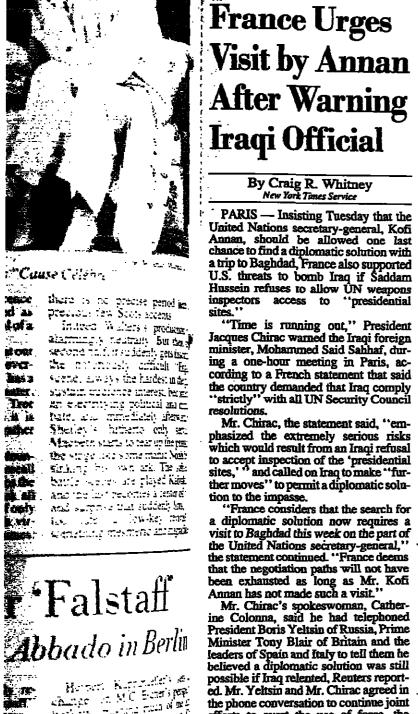
other cities during the week. "If we fail to respond today," Mr. Criminal Defense Lawyers said it all those who would follow in his foot-

Hussein. gestures toward Iraqi sovereignty in ne-

No Confirmation

Libya and Algeria. "We have no credible evidence that Iraq has exported weapons of mass destruction technology to other countries since the Gulf War," a White House official said. In a report last week, the director

of the House of Representatives Task Force on Terrorism and Unconventional Warfare said Iraq shipped out parts of its nuclear, chemical and biological weapons programs, as well SCUD missiles, after invading Kuwait in 1990.



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In Turnabout, Southeast Asian Nations Try to Stabilize Shaky Indonesia

the surface.

By Michael Richardson International Herald Tribune

SINGAPORE — Financial turmoil, looming recession and race riots have undermined Indonesia's standing in Southeast Asia and alarmed its neighbors, who now see the world's fourth most populous nation as a dangerous source of instability for the region, officials and analysts say.

Regarded by other Southeast Asian countries for more than two decades as a "first among equals" by virtue of its size, moderating influence and constructive diplomacy, Indonesia has been overwhelmed and is no longer able to play its traditional role, Political & Ecoplay its transitional role, Political & Eco-nomic Risk Consultancy Ltd. of Hong Kong warned in a recent report. "Once the diplomatic leader in

ASEAN, playing host to international conferences seeking to resolve outstanding regional problems in Indochina and

the conflicting territorial claims in the South China Sea," the report said, "Indonesia itself may soon become the focus of attention of regional governments who feel obliged to set aside their own problems to consider how they are going to help Jakarta avoid an economic and political maelstrom that could make things worse for just about everybody."

That trend was evident Tuesday when the leaders of Malaysia and Singapore agreed in talks in Kuala Lumpur to resolve several long-standing bilateral disputes and focus on new areas of cooperation.

Prime Minister Mahathir bin Mohamad and his Singapore counterpart, Goh Chok Tong, recognized that the re-gional financial crisis has further underscored the need for both countries to cooperate closely in all possible areas," a joint statement said, citing investment and use of regional currencies to avoid dependence on the U.S. dollar.

Nations comprises Brunei, Burma, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet-

nam. Malaysia is the current chairman. Mr. Mahathir said he and Mr. Goh had discussed the situation in Indonesia

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not because they were seeking to interfere in its internal affairs but because what happened there would have repercussions throughout the region.

Sharp falls in the value of the In-donesian rupiah have undermined support for other regional currencies. Indonesia's Southeast Asian neighbors are concerned that racial clashes there, which have pitted majority Muslims against minority ethnic

Chinese, could spill over to other coun-

tries — nearly all of which have ethnic

Chinese minorities. Singapore is the

"Singapore is a small essentially ethnic Chinese state surrounded by Malay/ Muslim populations, many of whom harbor deep and thinly disguised resentments over the domination of their own economies by ethnic Chinese," said Bruce Gale, Political & Economic Risk Consultancy's regional manager based in Singapore. "In the coming months, as unemployment rises and competition for scarce resources in neighboring countries increases, these underlying ethnic tensions could rise to

Some officials are concerned that recession in Indonesia and Thailand both of which had to turn to the International Monetary Fund for assistance - and currency depreciations and economic troubles in other countries of ASEAN will weaken the group's plan to implement a regional free-trade zone

In significant gestures of regional solidarity, Singapore contributed \$5 billion and Malaysia \$1 billion, in U.S. dollars, to the \$43 billion in emergency loans for Indonesia organized by the International Monetary Fund in exchange for Indonesian pledges to undertake sweeping economic reforms. But Mr. Goh said in Kuala Lumpur

that a Singapore initiative to put together a multilateral trade-financing guarantee for Indonesia so that it could get essential imports and exports moving again had been delayed by Jakarta's move to replace its central bank with a currency-board system that would tie the value of the rupiah to the U.S. dollar.

He said that Singapore had put forward the proposal on the basis that Bank Indonesia, the central bank, would guarantee payments for Indonesian imports. "We expect the rupiah to be rather

The Association of South East Asian only country in the region with a popations comprises Brunei, Burma, Inulation that is mostly Chinese.

and integrate other sectors of their econvolatile," Mr. Goh said. "It may omies.

strengthen for a while, but by and large strengthen for a while, but by and large it's going to be a volatile currency. That means the Indonesians are going to find it tough to import foodstuffs, components, spare parts.'

Mr. Goh said rising costs would add to unemployment pressures and social unrest. "Its worrying," he added. They face a severe problem.'

Prime Minister Chuan Leekpai of Thailand said in an interview with Reu-ters on Monday that Indonesia's prob-lems and their contagious effect on neighboring countries would stunt any Thai recovery.

Mr. Mahathir will visit oil-rich

Brunei Wednesday to discuss the region's economic and financial crisis, officials said Tuesday. The Malaysian leader has held similar consultations recently in Thailand, the Philippines and Singapore to try to develop a more coordinated ASEAN strategy.

Holzmann To Downsize In Germany

Job Cut Aims to Restore Profitability, Firm Says

Compiled by Our Stuff From Dispatches

FRANKFURT — Philipp Holzmann AG, Germany's largest construction company, said Tuesday it would cut more than 4,000 jobs, including 3,000 in Germany, or 14 percent of its German work force, to try to return to profitability this year.

The company, which said Monday it would post an operating loss of as much as 250 million Deutsche marks (\$137 million), said it would cut the jobs this year amid a "difficult economic situ-

Faced with some of the world's highest wage costs and a sluggish economy, Holzmann and other German companies have cut back and reorganized to try to remain competitive. Those measures have bolstered Germany's unemployment rate, which reached another post-World War II record of 12.6 percent in January.

The construction sector is one of the hardest hit, facing its third consecutive year of investment decline. Last year, about 2,000 jobs, or 9 percent, to 20,830. Worldwide, the builder cut its staff by 23 percent, to 40,168, in 1997.

But this year Holzmann was hurt by foreign losses as well as by its real-estate activities. Its Thai unit, Philipp Holzmann (Thai) Ltd., lost 200 million DM, while 100 million DM was lost at its French unit, Nord France SA.

Holzmann's chairman, Heinrich Binder, said that withdrawing from unprofitable activities in Thailand and France and cutting jobs would help the company save 300 million DM and achieve its objective of a slight profit in 1998. In 1996, the group had a net profit of 1 million DM.

"The divestment of loss-making for-eign activities in France and Thailand is only the first step in this process," Mr. Binder said.

"Risky" real-estate ventures will be cut back "to a lean but profitable portfolio under professional management,"
Mr. Binder added. He also said the company planned to shrink its Thai payroll to 600 from 2,900.

German job cuts would include reducing central administration staff to 200 from 540, Holzmann said. The total domestic work force in 1998 would fall to about 18,000.

The company said it also planned to enter into strategic partnerships to help it back into profit.

"In the medium term, it is vital to expand those international business ac-tivities strategically important for Philipp Holzmann and realize a steadily increasing value from this source," the

Holzmann's shares closed in Frankfurt at 430 DM, down 8. (Bloomberg, Reuters, AFP)



Tina Brown, the celebrated editor of a troubled magazine.

The Magazine With Everything but a Profit

The New Yorker's Financial Woes Provide Rich Grist for Media Gossip Mill

By Robin Pogrebin

TEW YORK — The New Yorker would seem to be the magazine that has everything: An illustrious 73-year history. A powerhouse editor. Prominent writers. Buzz. Everything except a profit.

Last year, the privately held magazine lost about \$11 million.

That is an improvement over 1996, when it lost about \$14 million and over 1995, when the loss was about \$17 million. But the

ink is still running red nonetheless.

Why that continues to be the case 13 years after S.I. Newhouse Jr. bought The New Yorker for \$168 million remains one of the great mysteries in publishing.

The drama has been heightened because of its larger-than-life characters: Mr. Newhouse, 70, the chairman of Advance Publications, which owns The New Yorker as well as Conde Nast Publications; Tina Brown, The New Yorker's editor, 44; Thomas Florio, 41, the magazine's president, and Steven Florio, 48, Tom's brother and the president and chief executive of

As a result, the magazine has lately become delectable grist for the media gossip mill, so much so that it is difficult to tell solid fact

The current flurry of attention focused on The New Yorker was prompted by reports that the magazine would be folded into Conde Nast's corporate umbrella in January 1999, to be sold to advertisers as a package with the company's 15 other publications, including

Vogue, Glamour and GQ.

The New Yorker will also physically become part of Conde Nast,

moving from its offices on West 43d Street into the Conde Nast

tower rising in Times Square.

Although advertisers would have to adjust to Conde Nast's inflexible ad rates after being accustomed to The New Yorker's negotiations, several said that the merger simply made business sense. The New Yorker would benefit from the marketing muscle of a smooth-running ad machine and would save money by merging its back-office operations into Conde Nast's cushy infrastructure.

million

But some media executives say the possible merger raises questions about the magazine's independence and about why, in a strong economy with a celebrated editor, a magazine many refer to as the gold standard has not been able to make a dime.

Many people similarly mystified assume that Mr. Newhouse must be fed up with losing money on The New Yorker—despite being personally worth \$4.5 billion from his other media holdings, according to Forbes—and see the possible Conde Nast merger as a sign that he feels the need for drastic measures.

But, sitting in a faded New Yorker sweatshirt at his office last week, Mr. Newhouse said he was unconcerned, that he viewed Ms. Brown's New Yorker as a start-up and that losing money on startups was routine. "It was practically a new magazine," he said. "She added topicality, photography, color. She did what we would have done had we invented The New Yorker from scratch."

To do all that was costly," he added. "We knew it would

So if he is pleased with the progress of The New Yorker, why did See MAGAZINE, Page 17

OECD Steps Up Efforts On Investment Accord

By Carl Gewirtz International Herald Tribuna

PARIS - Senior government officials meeting here Tuesday agreed to "intensify their efforts" to reach agreement on a controversial treaty covering foreign investments in time for signing in April at the ministerial meeting of the Organization for Economic Cooperan and Development.

Participants at the two-day meeting about the multilateral agreement on instment said that an accord was within reach and that everyone around the table wanted such an agreement. This included the 29 governments who belong to the OECD — the so-called "rich man's club" of the most advanced nations - as well as five participants from the developing world, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Slovakia and Hong

Kong.

But the U.S. delegation, led by the undersecretary of state, Smart Eizenstat, expressed reservations that the work could be finished in time for the min-

isterial meeting in late April. When completed, the treaty will be open for signature to all nations and is expected to serve as a beacon, attracting investments to those who sign and de-flecting investments from countries that reject its provisions.

The treaty aims to establish rules protecting direct foreign investments, which already total about \$8 trillion and are growing by about \$350 billion a assuring foreign investors that

they will be treated on an equal footing with local investors.

To critics who have asserted that the agreement would give multinationals too much power in the ability to override local laws, particularly on environmen-tal issues, the negotiators said that they had heard and understood these concerns and that the final text would make clear that rather than threatening environmental or labor standards, the treaty would

become a vehicle for better policies. The negotiators said that the final text would make clear that domestic legislation that applied to all investors would not be subject to dispute under

the treaty. On the politically charged issue of Europe's insistence that cultural trade be excluded, officials said there was never any intention of going back on the agreement that had been reached on this ue in a 1993 world trade agreement

excluding the cultural area.

As for Europe's insistence that any agreement would have to include language that inhibited unilateral decla-rations of laws to be applied internationally, European officials said these negotiations were never intended to resolve the dispute over the extraterritorial reach of U.S. laws regarding investments in Iran and Libya or the use of

propriated property in Cuba. But "a solution to these issues seems necessary to ensure a successful out-come of the negotiations," the communiqué issued at the end of the meetGlobal Private Banking

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Very briefly:

- SPX Corp., a U.S. vehicle service company, made a \$3 billion hostile bid for Echlin Inc., an auto-parts manufacturer. SPX said it would pay about \$48 a share for the Connecticutbased company.
- Applied Graphics Technologies Inc. agreed to buy Devon Group Inc. for \$440 million, or \$60 a share, in cash and stock, expanding the company that formats some of the nation's • Deere & Co., maker of agricultural and construction equip-
- ment, said fiscal first-quarter earnings rose 15 percent to \$203.3 million, or 81 cents a diluted share, from \$176.7 million, or 68 cents, in the year-earlier period.
- Brazil's gross domestic product grew 3.03 percent in 1997 compared with 2.91 percent growth a year earlier.
- U.S. Industries Inc., maker of Jacuzzi products, agreed to buy Zurn Industries Inc. for about \$545 million in stock.
- Intimate Brands Inc.'s fourth-quarter earnings rose to \$159.6 million, or 63 cents a diluted share, from \$157.7 million, or 62 cents, a year ago. Bloomberg, Reuters

Sony Pictures Chief Quits in Dispute The Associated Press

CULVER CITY, California — Jeff Sagansky has resigned as co-president of Sony Pictures Entertainment Inc., citing a dispute with Sony Corp. over a company reorganization. The terms under which I accepted this assignment almost

a year and a half ago have changed," Mr. Sagansky said Monday. "Sony Corp. has stated its desire to reorganize our international business in ways that are far different from my understanding. Separately, Sony and Cineplex Odeon Corp. of Toronto

said they were going ahead with their plan to merge their North American movie-theater operations. The deal was announced last year but was delayed as it was reviewed by regulators.

Help Dollar Move Higher

NEW YORK - The dollar rose against other major currencies Tuesday, led by gains in U.S. stock and

The dollar got an added lift against the Deutsche mark after the president of the Bundesbank, Hans Tietmeyer, said he hoped to keep interest

rates low for as long as possible.
"There's a lot of dollar-buying on optimism because of the stock market and signs the U.S. economy is on the move," said Jesse Torres, chief

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currency trader at Bank Austria in The dollar rose to 1.8253 DM in

late trading from 1.8181 DM on Friday. The U.S. markets were closed Monday for a holiday. The U.S. currency also rose to 126.565 yen from 125.210 yen.

Against other currencies, the dollar rose to 1.4727 Swiss francs from 1.4605 francs and to 6.1200 French francs from 6.0940 francs. The pound was at \$1.6330, down from \$1.6340. U.S. financial assets gained after a

report showed unchanged U.S. industrial production in January, a signal that inflation was under control. The data was softer in the states,

but that helped the asset markets,' said Mike Wallace, head of currency strategy for Standard & Poor's MMS in London.

Steady Bundesbank lending rates would keep intact the gap between U.S. and German rates, which currently favors the dollar. The U.S. federal funds rate is at

5.50 percent, compared with 3.30 percent for Germany's securitiesrepurchase rate. The Bundesbank last raised that rate in October to keep inflation in check. Economic reports since then have shown scant signs of German inflation. Separately, U.S. Treasury Secre-

tary Robert Rubin said a 22-nation program to restructure international economic structures should include a plan to ensure that investors and bankers who made bad decisions bore the burden of those mistakes.

In an address to finance ministers and central bankers from 21 other countries in Washington to plan a special meeting on the financial crisis in Asia and other developing markets, Mr. Rubin said one of the key issues that should be addressed "appropriate burden-sharing by the private sector."

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(Bloomberg, AFX)

Stocks' Gains Bond Rally Lifts Wall Street to a Record

NEW YORK - Stocks rose to a record again Tuesday as investors were buoyed by big gains in Europe, falling long-term interest rates and more merger mania.

Bond prices climbed, driving yields lower, as turmoil in Indonesia and a report suggesting the U.S. economy was losing steam bolstered the allure of Treasury securities.

Meanwhile, U.S. Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin said the risk of contagion from Asia's economic crisis had been "limited" so far, though risks remained. The Asian economies have not

stabilized enough to declare the crisis over, he said Garth Nisbet, a bond manager at

Crabbe Huson Group in Portland, Oregon, said the Asian crisis "is not over yet, and the economic effects are ahead of us," and this could

Computer Firm

Faces Hostile Bid

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ISLANDIA, New York -

Computer Associates Interna-

hostile takeover bid Tuesday

for Computer Sciences Corp.

after the company did not re-

spond to its earlier offers to

The bid includes \$700 mil-

Computer Associates' offer of \$108 a share in cash for each

of Computer Sciences' 85 mil-

lion shares outstanding matched

a friendly bid made last week.

Computer Sciences rejected that bid as well as a higher offer reported to be \$114 a share. A

deal at that price would be one of

the biggest takeovers in the com-

also had started legal action to

compel Computer Sciences' di-

rectors to take steps to allow

Computer Sciences' sharehold-

ers to consider the offer. The

hostile bid is contingent on

Computer Sciences removing

its "poison pill" shareholder-rights plan.

fell 87.5 cents to \$106.50, and

Computer Associates' shares

Computer Associates makes

(AP, Reuters, Bloomberg)

software to run large computer

systems. Computer Sciences

provides technology services.

closed at \$46, down \$2.375.

Computer Sciences' stock

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tional Inc. made a \$9.8 billion

spell more gains for bonds. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 28.40 points to 8,398.50, a fifth straight record close. The market was closed Monday for a holiday. The Standard & Poor's 500-

U.S. STOCKS

stock index was up 2.68 at 1,022.77, but the Nasdaq composite index was down 6.97 at 1,703.45, dragged down by Microsoft.

The benchmark 30-year Treasury bond chimbed 24/32 in price, to 104 20/32, taking the yield down to 5.80 percent from 5.84 percent Friday. Stocks benefited from a rise in

bond prices after President Suharto fired indonesia's central-bank governor and after a Federal Reserve Board report suggested that Asia's slowdown was starting to curb U.S.

warmer-than-normal weather in options, including a possible sale. January caused a big 4 percent drop in production at U.S. electric and gas utilities. That was enough to keep overall production unchanged, after having posted a 0.4 percent gain in December and a 0.7 percent Financial rose. crease in November.

It was the first time industrial production had failed to record a monthly increase since October high-tech graphics company that

"The industrial production report told us the economy is not too cold, not too hot, but just right," said Alfred Goldman, director of market analysis at A.G. Edwards & Sons Inc. in St. Louis.

Takeover news also lifted some

Beneficial soared after the consumer-finance company hired Goldman, Sachs & Co. and Merrill

The Federal Reserve reported that Lynch & Co. to explore strategic Other finance shares also gained. on expectations that their profits would benefit from lower bond yields. Fannie Mae rose, Household International gained, and Providian

Devon Group rose 141/8 to 60% after Applied Graphics Technologies agreed to buy it for \$440 million in cash and stock, expanding the

formats some of America's largest Eli Lilly fell on concern that sales were getting off to a slow start for Evista, a new treatment for a condition that makes bones thinner.

ConAgra dropped after the foodproducts concern warned that earnings for the second half of 1998 would not meet expectations.

(Bloomberg, AP, Reuters)

U.S. Consumers Start to Shun Debt

By Robert D. Hershey New York Times Service

NEW YORK - American consumers, often portrayed as fecklessly mired in high-cost debt, appear to be saying enough is enough.

Their automobile, credit-card and other installment debt, which excludes mortgages, rose just 4.7 percent last year, compared with 6.9 percent in 1996 and 14.2 percent in 1995.

The slowdown in borrowing was easy to overlook in a year when personal bankruptcies set a record, consumer debt hovered near a 10-year high and America's savings rate sank to its lowest level since 1939. While signs of strained house-

hold budgets grabbed attention, the has been through borrowing, a consumers whose spending ac-And they ended the year on a par- rate was 3.8 percent last year. ticularly sober note.

In dollar terms, consumers owed they had two mouths earlier. Installment debt grew at a modest 3.9 percent annual rate in December after falling 3.6 percent in Novem- Federal Reserve Board. ber. Until then, there had been an unbroken string of increases dating to May 1993.

Though monthly numbers can be volatile and gauges of consumer confidence remain strong, the October stock-market decline could have diminished borrowing, as could the to their debt levels," said James in the oil supply.

possibility of an economic slowdown Chessen, chief economist at the related to the Asian financial crisis.

"Consumers as a group are very responsible borrowers," said James Smith, a University of North Carolina finance professor and a former credit specialist at Sears, Roebuck & Co. They typically pull in their horns before they cause a problem."

Because consumer spending has helped fuel the U.S. economic boom, and much of that spending

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drastic slowdown could be worricounts for two-thirds of national some. The flip side of spending is output responded by throttling back. savings, and the national savings

To some degree, Americans have been forced to be more frugal. no more at the end of the year than Banks have been tightening their are small; nor do they fear that the lending standards every quarter for current business expansion, expected about two years, according to a sur- to reach the seven-year mark next vey of senior loan officers by the month, is in jeopardy because of

Consumers have a heavy debt load already. Measured as a per- rarely bring on recession. Downstallment debt has hovered at 20 imbalances in corporate America, percent for the past three years, near overheated economic conditions its highs of the late 1980s.

American Bankers Association The relatively high interest rates

on loans other than home mortgages. probably have helped curb borrowers' appetites. The Fed has kept its benchmark short-term interest rate at 5.5 percent — prompting banks to keep their prime rates at a lofty 8.5 percent — even as inflation has virtually disappeared.

Should the decline in inflation

give way to actual deflation, or a general decline in prices, debt repayment would become far more burdensome for consumers. That is because much of the borrowed money has been used to buy assets, from homes to cars, whose value would decline. An example on a limited scale

is the real-estate downturn of the 1980s, when some homeowners in depressed markets found themselves owing more on their homes than those homes would bring if sold.

Most economists who have expressed an opinion, however, say the chances of an outbreak of deflation overextended or satiated consumers.

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International Herald Tribune PRAGUE - Romania's government is pressing ahead with economic reforms after weeks of political squabbling, but analysts full-fledged crisis by year's end.

After surviving calls for his resignation, the reform-minded prime minister, Victor Ciorbea. won Parliament's approval for his reshuffled cabinet last week.

But a stagnant stock market and disappointing economic statistics for 1997 that were made public last week, including a 6.6 percent drop in gross domestic product, 151 percent inflation and 8.8 percent un-employment, illustrate the pressure the government is under. The Bucharest Stock Ex-

change's B.E.T. index of 10 bluechip issues has risen 6 percent in the last month but is still down 12 percent over three months.
"It's time for them to do something,"

Shtereva, a Romania analyst at ING-Barings in London. A team from the International Monetary Fund is in Romania this

week to determine whether reform

lease the final tranche of a \$410 seek his resignation. million standby loan that the country needs to remain solvent.

Mr. Ciorbea's four-party coalithe economy, public resistance to reform and political battles within

growth since market changes were tion government came to power first introduced after the fall of Nicjust over a year ago promising rad- olae Ceausescu, the Communist ical economic changes. While it dictator, in December 1989, Mr. say that unless the talk turns into has had some success stabilizing Ciorbea's cabinet has yet to change the way Romania does business.

Many Communist-era industrial the cabinet have hobbled efforts to giants need to be reshaped, a procomplete projects such as privat- cess that will require major investizing government holdings, cutting ment and cost hundreds of thou-

Romanians need their leaders to take firm decisions and carry out decisive actions now.'

state subsidies and closing unprof- sands of jobs. The country's itable mines and factories.

exasperated with the government's inaction. 'Unfortunately, for a month there was more talk than ever about reform, but less than said Parvoleta ever was implemented," he said after swearing in the new cabinet members. "Romanians need their leaders to take firm decisions and carry out decisive actions now."

is back on track before it will re- say his opponents, they will again are not perceived as having the

current-account deficit stands at President Emil Constantinescu, \$2.1 billion, or 6 percent of its who led the reformers to victory gross domestic product. Its budget after seven years of rule by former deficit is slightly healthier, at 4.! Communists, has clearly grown percent of GDP. And although interest rates have come down in the last month, they remain prohibitively high for small businesses. The government's key reformers

understand these problems. "The main problem is neither the budget deficit nor monetary policy but structural reforms," said Finance Minister Daniel Daianu. "If we Unless Mr. Ciorbea can do that, don't make a breakthrough, if we

strength to do this, things will get Romania is struggling with the very complicated.'

same problems that have stifled The government says it plans to privatize the country's telecommunications monopoly, Romtel, this year, as well as float large parts of at least three companies on international stock markets and privatize some 1,600 small and mediumsized enterprises with a total value of from \$2.7 billion to \$3 billion.

Already, it has lowered interest rates by offering Treasury bonds to domestic investors. Overnight borrowing rates are now between 80 percent and 90 percent, down from 120 percent last month. Tax changes have slashed top tax brackets, replacing lost revenue with consumption taxes, rules on foreign investment and ownership have been eased, and the Romanian currency is now almost fully convertible.

Dan Barbulescu, head of research at the Bucharest brokerage Vanguard, said that although the macroeconomic picture did not look good yet, privatization was proceeding. He also said that foreign portfolio investors brought \$450 million into Romania last year and took out only \$10 million. The reason so much investment stayed here, he said, was that "the prices here are bargain prices, and you don't sell at bargain prices.

Pound Holds Back SmithKline Net Talks on Currency For Africa Founder

Reuters

ABUJA, Nigeria - Talks on a single monetary zone for 16 West African countries foundered Tuesday over disagreements between former British and French colonies. from its 1995 merger continued to Nigerian officials said.

They said the planned introduction of a travelers' check in a common currency for the Economic Community of West African States had been postponed after a meeting of a subcommittee was canceled.

They are still trying to sort out the areas of disagreement, but the gap between the anglophone and francophone countries is huge, and there appears no clear way of bridging it," a Nigerian official said. A common currency was first proposed more than 10 years ago. At a meeting last

New Heights In Europe

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LONDON - Europe's major stock markets hit record highs Tuesday as Wall Street and global bond markets jumped on hopes that U.S. interest rates would not rise soon and may eventually start to drop.

Bourses in London, Frankfurt, Paris, Zurich, Madrid and Brussels soared to new levels after the Federal Reserve Board reported that U.S. factory output had shown little sign of growth in January.

"This is again a pretty construct-ive number for the fixed-income markets," said Mitch Stapley of Kent Funds. "This helps the market build a foundation, and rates can continue to work lower.

The U.S. data helped propel Wall Street shares at the start of trading in New York, and European stocks followed course.

The Financial Times-Stock Exchange 100-share index in London finished 89.60 points, or 1.59 percent, higher at a record 5,709.50 points amid takeover speculation and robust earnings from some of Britain's largest companies.

"The banks, financial-services and drug companies still have a lot of mergers and deals vet to come, said Peter Hewitt, head of research at Murray Johnstone.

The electronic Xetra DAX Index in Frankfurt finished 91.86 points, or 2.03 percent, higher at a record close of 4,627.42, lifted by a strong bond market.

"Speculation in the financial branch is lifting stocks," said Christian Denk of Banque Nationale de Paris. "The talk that Allianz and Dresdner may announce some plans is still there.

In Paris, the CAC-10 index gained 64.33 points, or 1.72 percent, to a record finish of 3,280.45, as lower interest rates cut borrowing costs for companies.

Spanish stocks gained, pushing the IBEX 35 index to a record of 8,283.72 points, up 138.90 points, or 1.71 percent, led by the utility company Endesa SA and Telefonica de Espana SA.

Swiss stocks also set a record amid speculation there will be further consolidation among financialservices companies. The Swiss Market Index of 21 shares finished 85.20 points, or 1.22 percent, higher at 6,990.50. (Reuters, Bloomberg)

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Very briefly:

 WPP Group PLC credited cost-cutting and new business with helping it to overcome the effects of the strong pound and post a 14.6 percent increase in second-half profit, to £64.3 million (\$105.3 million).

 Gencor Ltd., a South African precious-metals producer. said first-half profit after one-time items fell 36.7 percent, to 56 million rand (\$11.4 million), as gains in platinum offset losses in gold.

· Britain's public sector had a record monthly surplus in January of £10.38 billion; economists said changes in the personal-taxation system were one major reason.

 Barclays PLC's 1997 pretax profit fell 26 percent, to £1.71 billion, after exceptional charges of £425 million related to the sale of the bank's investment-banking activities.

• Telefonica de Espana SA canceled a board meeting that had been scheduled for Wednesday to deal principally with strategy and the telephone company's international alliances. • Thyssen Handelsunion AG, the services division of

Thyssen AG, signed a letter of intent to sell Thyssen Schulte Bautechnik, a unit with nearly 2 billion Deutsche marks (\$1.1 billion) in sales, to Clayton, Dubilier & Rice, a New Yorkbased investment concern. • Ferrovie dello Stato, the Italian railway, said its entire

board of directors, which had been heavily criticized in recent months over several accidents, had resigned. A meeting was called for Wednesday to elect a new board.

 AFC Ajax, Amsterdam's soccer club, plans to sell 30 percent of its shares to the public to try to raise about 100 million guilders (\$48.8 million). • Svenska Handelsbanken AB, Sweden's largest bank in

terms of assets, said its fourth-quarter profit fell 8 percent, to 1.48 billion kronor (\$183.1 million), as income from bond trading decreased. Bloomberg, AFP, Reuters

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

Jan Leschly, the chief executive, said the proposed merger, which would create the world's largest by pharmaceutical company, represented a "compelling strategic op-Fig. 2. 1997 and we portunity" for both companies to and enlarge their industrial position and

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The company also said it expec-

SmithKline said that pretax profit rose to £1.65 billion (\$2.70 billion)

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doing very well." Shares of Smithlast year from £1.54 billion in 1996, even though the strength of the Kline rose 6 pence to close at 841. pound had cut pretax profit by £157 million and trimmed sales by £666 million.

Excluding the currency impact, profit rose 17 percent, while sales

rose 11 percent. Revenue for 1997 was down 1.6 percent, at £7.79 billion. Sales of

"If you look at the underlying growth, we are doing very well,"
Mr. Leschly said. "Our new products are living up to expecta-

Separately, the Swedish-American pharmaceutical group Pharmacia & Upjohn Inc. posted a 26 percent fall in net profit for 1997, to \$739 million, as restructuring costs

escription pharmaceuticals rose 13 percent, to £4.57 billion.

Steve Abbott, an analyst at Credit Lyonnais Laing, said there were no charge of \$493 million. surprises in the earnings statement. "The thing that was most important is what they are going to do and when they will talk about the merger," he said.

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weigh down results. Sales fell 6 percent from 1996, to \$6.35 billion, adjusted for comparable units. The company said it took a fourth-quarter restructuring

Pharmacia & Upjohn announced last year that it would combine its sales, marketing, clinical research and development, and business functions into a single worldwide pharmaceutical business.

The company said it expected to additional restructuring take charges of less than \$100 million in 1998. (Bloomberg, Reuters, AFP) so of less than \$100 million in year, the group called for the creation (Bloomberg, Reuters, AFP) of a single monetary zone by 2000.

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China Maps Tariff Cuts For WTO

BEUING — China promised Tuesday to submit to the World Trade Organization an offer of detailed tariff cuts in a move seen as a step forward in its bid to join the free-trade club.

Leon Brittan, the European Union trade commissioner, said he had won the pledge for sweeping tariff cuts in his meetings with Chinese officials including Foreign Trade Minister

"It has now been agreed that we will get the real nitry-gritty in the form of a line-by-line offer in Geneva by early March," Mr. Brittan said in Beijing.

He said he had no details on what the proposal would be but added that he had pushed Beijing to eliminate many "tariff peaks," or rates over 15 per-

Analysts said the offer was a small but positive step toward China's winning a seat in the WTO, which sets the rules for international trade.

"It is encouraging that they are committing to a time," a Western diplomat said.

China imposes average tar-iffs of 17 percent. It cut tariffs from an average of 23 percent last October in a move to improve its chances for entry to the WTO.

President Jiang Zemin has pledged that China will cut tariffs to an average 15 percent by But analysts said that mem-

bership was still a long way off for China despite steady improvements in its tariff regime. The European Union called Tuesday for an annual summit meeting with China to improve political ties. Mr. Brittan said that improved political links were necessary to maintain the economic impetus to bring

"We already have an agreement that there will be a meeting between China and Europe on the sidelines of the Asia-Europe meeting in London later this year, but there is no agreement to make it an annual event or to involve heads of state." he (Reuters, AFP)

China into the mainstream.

ASIA/PACIFIC Taiwan Confident of Bank Leader's Legacy

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

TAIPEI - Before his death in a plane crash, Taiwan's central bank governor helped create a strong banking system that has survived the recent Asian turmoil and will probably remain solid, analysts said Tuesday.

The central banker, Sheu Yuandong, was among the 203 people killed Monday in the crash of a China Airlines Airbus 300 near the Chiang Kai-shek International Airport in Taipei.

"It was a terrible disaster, but investors are not panicking," said Oliver Fang, an analyst at National Securities. "The investors are confident that governor Sheu's death will not adversely affect the central bank's ability to support Taiwan's economy.

HONG KONG - Hopewell

Holdings Ltd., derailed in Thailand

and thwarted in Indonesia was

downgraded Tuesday by Standard

& Poor's Corp., and its chief, Gor-

don Wu, said the company was not

making any more big plans for the

The credit-rating concern cut Hopewell Holdings' bond rating to

BB from BBB-minus, a drop of two

grades to what is essentially junk-

bond status, citing "deterioration" in Hopewell's business environment.

"Basically, we are now in con-solidation mode," Mr. Wu,

Hopewell's managing director, said

"We did our last expansion in the

Standard & Poor's said that

events beyond Hopewell's control,

obligations, had increased business

risk and reduced its financial flex-

In an assessment that may be re-

peated in the case of several more

Hong Kong companies, the agency

added that regional currency in-

stability had damaged the Hong

Kong property market and generally

made asset sales, a source of

strength in the past, less reliable as a

source of financial flexibility.

It may be difficult to imagine Mr.

Wn, Hong Kong's legendary en-gineer of grand visions, retrenching,

but that is what he says he is doing. Mr. Wu, who mesmerized insti-

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ibility.

against the dollar in the past year as other Asian exchange rates plunged. Whoever succeeds him must now ensure that accelerating inflation does not threaten one of the

likely to accelerate this year. Patrick Liang, one of Mr. Sheu's deputies, and Paul Chiu, the island's finance minister, emerged as the leading candidates to head of the world's third-richest central bank.

Mr. Liang, named acting governor early Tuesday, moved quickly to reassure investors that Mr. Sheu's policies would continue.

At an emergency meeting before would be maintained. The Taiwan the markets opened Tuesday, Mr. Li-dollar was little changed at 32.8200

tutional investors with his plans for

infrastructure development in China

when Deng Xiaoping opened the

door to foreign investment in the

1980s, later undertook huge projects

in Thailand, Indonesia, the Philip-

pines and South Asia. In mid-January, however, the In-

donesian government announced it was canceling 12 infrastructure de-

velopment projects, and the com-pany received a letter from Thailand

confirming cancellation of its \$3.2

billion concession on a Bangkok

railway project after six months of

inactivity.

Mr. Wu still has plans for a com-

mercial complex in Hong Kong's

Wanchai district and is pushing to

get permission for Hong Kong

vehicles to drive unrestricted into

China on Hopewell's Guangzhou-

power plants in India, Pakistan and

Hopewell is holding on to its Tan-

jung Jati power-plant project in In-

donesia despite the wild gyrations of

that country's currency, the rupiah, and Mr. Wu aims to assist Tung Chee-hwa, the chief executive of

Hong Kong, in his drive to build

85.000 homes a year in Hong Kong

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Hopewell Trims Ambitions

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Mr. Sheu, 70, guided Taiwan ang vowed to maintain the "not to its U.S. counterpart through a controlled devaluation of loose, not tight" monetary policy enits currency — about 16 percent gineered by Mr. Sheu, "All oper-promised to pump ations will remain normal," he said.

Mr. Sheu's successor will come to the job at a particularly difficult time. Mr. Sheu was Taiwan's representative in befriending Asian few economies in the region that is governments, most of which do not recognize Taiwan diplomatically, because of opposition from China. On Monday, Mr. Sheu and his team were returning from a meeting of make it more difficult for specucentral bankers in Bali to discuss the region's economic turmoil.

The key Taiwan stock index finished up 73.80 points, at 8,782.09, after Mr. Liang and others reassured investors that Mr. Sheu's policies

At the Bali meeting, Mr. Sheu promised to pump \$1.2 billion through Taiwanese bank branches to make loans to cash-strapped busi-

nesses in Southeast Asia that have

been rocked in recent months by currency and credit turmoil. Armed with \$83.5 billion in currency reserves, the central bank was able to spend billions of dollars to defend the Taiwan currency and

lators to target it. Two years ago, Mr. Shen and other bank officials addressed the kind of faulty banking practices that have gotten other Asian countries in trouble, leaving Taiwan with a healthy banking system and limited bad (AP. Bloomberg, Reuters)

Top Japan Banker Rules Out Quitting

TOKYO - The chairman of the Federation of Bankers' Associations of Japan, Satoru Kishi, left, said

Tuesday he would not resign over a bribery scandal involving bank in-spectors at the Ministry of Finance. Mr. Kishi is president of Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi Ltd., which was implicated in the investigation Monday. "We are very sorry for causing trouble and are taking the situation seriously," he said.

Samsung Unveils Car Line As Seoul Seeks Leaner Chaebol

SEOUL - Samsung Motors Inc. launched its first line of car models particularly regional currency in-stability and additional debt-service But he has washed his hands of Tuesday and said it expected to conclude talks with Ford Motor Co. grand plans for a bridge connecting about an injection of capital by Hong Kong with Macau and for September.

"We are seeking capital participation by Ford," said Lim Kyung Choon, chairman of Samsung Mo-

Samsung Motors, a unit of Samsung Group, unveiled four models Tuesday based on Nissan Motor Co.'s Maxima sedans. Nissan worked with Samsung to develop the models, which will sell beginning in March at prices ranging from 14.4 million won (\$8,860) to 28.85 million won.

The company's plans come as the another 51 months," Mr. Wu said. government warned conglomerates,

or chaebol, to slim down to five or six core units and spin off the others. "Businessmen who make profits

will be treated as patriots, but those who cannot should be weeded out to lessen the burden on the people,' President-elect Kim Dae Jung said. Meanwhile, the International Monetary Fund on Tuesday ap-

proved the disbursement of a further 2 billion in rescue funds for South Korea, the Finance Ministry said. The disbursement was the fifth tranche of \$21 billion in IMF loans

pledged as the core of a \$57 billion oan arranged in December. Despite the IMF's help and government pledges of reform, foreign investors are still bailing out of the

country and domestic companies are struggling to repay debt. (Reuters, AFP)

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Very briefly:

 China International Trust & Investment Corp., Beijing's flagship investment vehicle, had an operating profit of 2.85 billion yuan (\$344 million) in 1997, up 15 percent from a year earlier, the state-run newspaper People's Daily said. Including extraordinary items such as asset sales, CITIC's total profit for the year was 11.20 billion yuan.

· Hong Leong Properties Bhd., a Malaysian property developer, said net profit for the six months ended Dec. 31 dropped 55 percent, to 36.5 million ringgit (\$9.5 million).

 Vietnam tightened regulations for companies with foreign-currency revenue and said all surplus amounts would have to be changed into nonconvertible dong. The move came a day after Vietnam devalued its currency by 5 percent.

 LG Chemical Ltd. of South Korea signed a memorandum of understanding with Dow Chemical Co. to set up a \$250 million joint venture.

• TDK Corp. had record quarterly group sales and profit in the quarter ended in December. TDK, a maker of magnetic tapes, said its group sales rose 16 percent, to a record 190 billion yen (\$1.5 billion), in the quarter. Group net profit grew 42 percent, to a record 18.48 billion yen.

· Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd. cut its forecast for parent-company pretax profit for the current year, ending in March, to 120 billion yen from 160 billion yen. It projects its revenue at 2.7 trillion yen, down from 2.8 trillion yen.

• Crown Ltd., the owner of Australia's biggest casino, is considering selling and renting back the property. Crown made the announcement a day after it posted a half-year loss of 39.8 million Australian dollars (\$26.3 million).

• Air New Zealand's net profit for the last six months of 1997 rose 6.9 percent from a year earlier, to 82 million New Zealand dollars (\$48 million).

• Westpac Banking Corp. said its exposure to Asia was 9.5 billion Australian dollars as of the end of last week. On Monday, Standard & Poor's Corp. said it had affirmed Westpac's ratings and said Westpac had an exposure to Asia of 11.4 billion dollars AP, Bloomberg, Reuters, AFX, AFP as of Dec. 31.

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Computer Crimestoppers Look for Clues in Reuters Case

to ease housing shortages.

By Sharon Walsh and Robert O'Harrow Jr. Washington Post Service

NEW YORK - The U.S. federal investigation of whether individuals connected with Reuters Holdings PLC stole proprietary data from its arch rival news service, Bloomberg LP, has sounded a new alarm on computer crime.

Prosecutors are looking into subsidiary of Reuters in Stamford, Connecticut, induced a consultant to provide information to Reuters that is available to Bloomberg subscribers, in violation of the subscription agreement with Bloomberg.

trates a looming problem for companeapolis-based Counterpane Syston a competitor. Mr. Gaed was sennies rushing to make information available on the World Wide Web and other easily accessible computer networks. Competitors can analyze vast amounts of data they get from computers to discern patterns, long-term plans and even analytical models of companies. And because U.S. companies spend much more on research and development than foreign firms, such inwhether Reuters Analytics Inc., a formation is a prime target for international spies.

Some experts fear the use of com-puters by white-collar criminals will mushroom in the coming years.

"The big spectacular crimes

tems, which provides computer security for many large companies. "We haven't seen terrorism attack the computer network or people blowing up brokers' terminals or potting in a virus so they give the wrong information." Recent instances of white-collar

crimes using computers include: • A software engineer working

for a subcontractor to Intel Corp. was convicted of illegally downloading secret data about the computer giant's plans for the Pentium processor that was worth from \$10 million to \$20 million. Authorities said the engineer, William Gaed, also video-

tenced to 33 months in prison.

· A Manhattan man was charged in November with sabotaging the computer network of Forbes Inc., the magazine publisher. The man, a former Forbes computer technician, allegedly caused a massive crash of the company's computer network, resulting in damages of more than \$100.000.

• Last year, a California man stole 100,000 names, logons, credit card numbers and other data from Internet service providers in the San Diego area, the authorities said. Using a computer at the University of San Francisco, Carlos Salgado Jr. on agreement with Bloomberg. haven't been committed yet," said taped information on his computer encoded the information and offered computer systems as ear.

The Reuters investigation illus. Bruce Schneier, president of Min-screen and planned to sell the tapes it for sale on the Internet. He was possible for employees.

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pected to be decided next year,

caught in an FBI sting operation and was sentenced to 30 months in prison last month.

Law enforcement officials are watching the Reuters investigation closely, in part to see if it is a rare instance in which company officials participated in or condoned corporate espionage. Corporate spying is usually the work of individuals.

Software developers, responding to the wishes of corporate customers, also sometimes cut corners on security measures to keep costs down, said Donn Parker, a security specialist at SRI Consulting in Menlo Park, California. He added that companies also want to make computer systems as easy to use as

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seeking civil damages in a case exnews articles start appearing that Law-enforcement and security

suggested otherwise?

The answer, according to several people at Conde Nast and The New Yorker, is that Steve Florio, who, before being named head of Conde Nast, spent nearly 10 years as president of The New Yorker, wanted to control the timing and angle of the

reorganization announcement Their version is that Mr. Florio began talking to the press about Conde Nast's efforts to stem the tide of red ink so that he could take the credit for the rescue. Since the magazine's balance sheet indicates it did better in five years under Tom Florio than during Steve Florio's nine-year tenure, these sources see fratemal rivalry at work.

During Steve Florio's time at The New Yorker, between 1985 and 1994, he worked with William Shawn at the end of that legendary editor's 35-year tenure and with Mr. Shawn's successor, Robert Gottlieb. On his watch, the magazine's ad pages declined 28 percent, to 2,253 in 1993, from 3,150 in 1985.

In part, some media executives say, the ad page fall-off reflects a' time in which The New Yorker was widely considered editorially tired. Others say it had more to do with Steve Florio's decision to raise posthe Western-educated technicrats the nationalist camp has been the ted ad rates despite flat circulation.

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but conceded that he had increased ad rates too much.

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SPY: High-Tech Espionage Is Booming as the Nightmare of the Information Age Continued from Page 1

China, Japan, France and other

countries.
"We're seeing more and more cases," said William Perez, acting chief of the FBI's financial crimes unit. "A country like the United States is a very juicy target" be-

technology companies, he said. The Internet arouses the greatest fear because it gives skilled backers the possibility of entering untold databases with anonymity, often from far-off locations where there are no statutes against computer crime.

cause of the prominence of its high-

In 1994, a group of Russian hackers stole codes and passwords from corporate customers of Citibank and transferred \$10 million to overseas accounts. Six Russians were extradited and pleaded guilty to computer frand in federal court in New York. Citibank said it recovered all but Mr. Suharto, Siti Hardijani Ruk-10,000 of the money.

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Working," said Mike McConnell, former head of U.S. military in- would strip the central bank of its telligence during the Gulf War who power to control monetary policy is in charge of business intelligence at the consulting firm of Booz, Allen & Hamilton. "Everyone is riding rency-board idea simply as a vinthe same physical lines."

Mr. McConnell advises companies to erect a network of defenses including data encryption, use of hard-to-crack passwords and monitored firewalls to separate publicly internal databases. Citibank, for example, reacted by requiring its coraccessible Web sites from sensitive porate customers to encrypt their on-line funds transfer requests and to replace their chosen passwords with passwords created by a com-

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the system, and the most access,' said Mr. Perez of the FBL Last year, two representatives of

Yuen Foong Paper Co. of Taiwan met with an information broker and scientist from Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. in an alleged attempt to obtain confidential data about the pharmaceutical company's top-selling cancer drug, Taxol. FBI agents videotaped the meeting and arrested the two representatives, who are currently being tried in U.S. federal court in Philadelphia.

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Kong-style "currency board" that

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Kvaerner's suspicions of foul play steel plant in Saudi Arabia to VAI in April 1996. The company obtained a court order and found more than

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INDONESIA: Suharto Dismisses Head of Central Bank waited three more weeks to replace But those pushing the idea of a

> bank chief and with the bank's inforeign domination. ability to halt the plunge of the currency. The currency ended in local As the currency has continued to trading at 9,400 to the U.S. dollar Tuesday. Before the currency crisis Suharto has apparently lost patience hit in mid-1997, a dollar only bought and now appears to be siding with Analysts said Mr. Suharto's ac- nomic-nationalist camp arguing for

about 2,300 rupiah. tion also indicated a victory of the a quick fix to the country's mountof independence," said Eugene so-called economic nationalists and the powerful Suharto children over who have been in charge of economic policy.

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Habibie, as the leading candidate to posed that fissure. Most technocrats, be the country's next vice president including officials in the Finance and likely successor to the 76-year-Ministry, oppose the idea, preferring old Mr. Suharto. Mr. Habibie is financial documents, Mr. Florio instead to follow the IMF prescrip- known for his advocacy of costly raised ad rate card prices at an antions, including breaking up some of megaprojects, such as a domestic nual compound rate of 5.9 percent; aircraft industry, designed to pull

Bwalya Ends With a Goal

SOCCER Kalusha Bwalya, 34, of Zambia ended his 13-year international career Tuesday. He scored as Zambia bear Mozambique, 3-1, in an African Nations Cup match in Bobo-Dioulasso, Burkina Faso. Despite the victory, Zambia finished behind Egypt and Morocco in Group D and was eliminated, leading to Bwalya's retirement.

In Ouagadougou, Moustafa El Hadii scored with a spectacular bicycle kick in the last minute to give Morocco a 1-0 victory over Egypt.

Record Pay for Randle

FOOTBALL John Randle became the highest-paid defensive player in the National Football League when he agreed to stay with the Min-nesota Vikings for \$32.5 million over five years.

The contract for the All-Pro defensive lineman, the latest bene-ficiary of the NFL's new multibillion television contract, includes a \$10 million signing bonus, surpassing the previous team-record \$6 million the Vikings gave to of-fensive tackle Todd Steussie last

Randle twice turned down offers believed to be in the \$30 million range from the Vikings. The Miami Dolphins were among four teams that had made contract proposals since free agency opened Friday, and Randle flew to Miami on Monday.

Open Letter to Ronaldo: Learn From Olympians

By Rob Hughes tional Herald Tribuni

TAGANO, Japan - Dear Ronaldo: There is not a lot of soccer talk here, but your hat trick Sunday against Lecce strikes the same chord as some highly impressive winners at these Winter Olympics.

Like you, there are men and women here who are on top of their sporting world, and who know what it is to come

VANTAGE POINT

through a period of doubt, to summon superlative performances when it mat-ters and when the cold wind of criticism is at its height.

No doubt there are friendly hands, rather than daggers, on your broad back now that the so-called Ronaldo goal drought has been laid to rest. Maybe even Massimo Moratti, your club president at Internazionale of Milan, has kinder words now than last month when he broadcast that Ronaldo has a problem.

Tell // Presidente at once, while you are back in his favor, that the problem is human. Suggest to him that a fellow of 21 simply cannot carry a team every week of every year, cannot serve three masters — Inter, Brazil and the omnipresent Nike - through 90 performances annually, and through endless

banquets, interviews, training camps.

If he refuses to understand, ask Morattito tune into the Winter Olympics, to witness the depths through which some of the finest competitors are plunged. Point out that the real triumph is to summon ascendancy from despair, to defy if necessary whole nations of doubters.

In the past week we have seen Hermann Maier crash on Mount Karamatu. The downfall was so spectacular it will be a defining moment of the 18th Winter

From such a fall you have a choice: You lie down or you get back up and outski the rest of the world.

In your case, at least until some thug breaks your leg, the dilemma of showing what you are made of in the moments that will be your judge are less dramatic, but just as deep.

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You know, I know, and even Moratri knows, that your time is the summer, your goal the World Cup, and if he does not like it he can sell you back at huge

profit to Barcelona. Agents are working

But, Ronaldo, there has been a greater example of the human spirit of a champion and a patriot here. Coming from Brazil, you might never have contemplated skiing down a mountain, much less jumping off one. Masahiko Harada does it for a living. He is the Japanese ski jumper who has lived with a nation of 125 million on his back since his failure cost Japan the team gold medal at the Lillehammer Games four years ago.

It was akin to you missing a penalty in the World Cup final. The journalists, the masses, and probably even Harada's parents thought his nerve failed him, failed the people. It is irrational, and you in your short, scintillating journey to

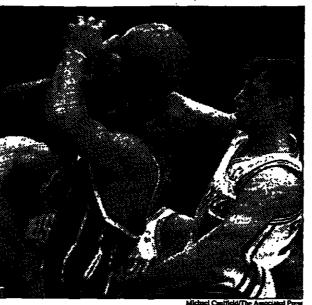
stardom, know the feeling.
Two days before these Games began. Harada made a crucial decision. Initially, he had decided to shield his wife and two children from the tensions in Nagano but, seeing the fervor rise, he called them and said, "Please come; what is happening here will be only once in a lifetime."

In the individual jumps Harada flopped on the short hill. Choker! they cried. On the large hill he fell short on his first jump, leapt to an unsurpassed 136 meters on the second, and took bronze. But in the team event Tuesday, he had an unbearably short 79.5 meters first jump but then, at last, 137 meters in the second round.

In the falling snow, the man had risen. Gold was assured by his younger trio of teammates. A few days ago the cynics doubted him; on Tuesday there was Japanese joy for the tearful, human, fallible athlete who conquered.

Your turn may follow. The wrath of a mere club president is nothing compared to the expectation of the whole population of Brazil. Maier came back, Harada came back, and though your 'fall' has been shallow by comparison. go take your cue from these brave warriors. The world is yours, rise to it.

Rob Hughes is on the staff of The Times of London



Houston's Charles Barkley, left, getting beaned on a rebound as the Clippers' Brent Barry earned a foul.

Kansas Ties for Title

In Kansas Jayhawks' country, conference championships do not generate a whole lot of excitement. But low-key as the party might be, No. 4 Kansas can celebrate

Eric Chenowith scored 15 points, picking up the slack for foul-plagued Raef LaFrentz, as Kansas clinched a tie

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

for its seventh Big 12 title in eight years with an 81-72

victory Monday night over Colorado.

The Jayhawks (28-3, 12-1) can claim the league title outright with a victory Saturday at home in Lawrence against Iowa State - a team they beat by 21 points in Ames, Iowa, on Feb. 4.

"I told the team to feel good about it," the Kansas coach, Roy Williams, said. "We earned our share of our fourth in a row and on Saturday we have a chance to earn

Kansas has claimed at least a share of the past four Big 12 titles and has a 58-game home winning streak. Chenowith, who filled in for LaFrentz when the star

center went down with a broken hand on Dec. 26, found himself in that role again Monday night. After scoring 12 points in the first half, LaFrentz sat out for 13 minutes

after committing his fourth foul with 16:38 remaining.
The Jayhawks beat Colorado (12-11, 6-7) for the 18th straight time and improved to 7-0 since LaFrentz returned from his injury on Jan. 24...

Kenny Price led Colorado with 23 points.

Surprising Nets Win 5th Straight

The Associated Press

The biggest surprise about the New Jersey Nets this season is not the fact that they are playing so well. It's that they're winning with forward Kendall Gill having a subpar

scoring 17 points and making

NBA ROUNDUP

six steals to lead the Nets to a 103-92 home victory over the Milwaukee Bucks, who were plagued by turnovers.

The victory was the fifth straight for New Jersey (31-21), which is challenging for the lead in the Atlantic Di-

"It was great to see Kendall come out and play well and get back into form," the Nets' rookie forward Keith Van Hom said. "When Kendall plays well, we play well. That's no secret."

Coming into this season, Gill could always could be counted on for double figures. He had scored in double figures in his last 108 games, but in the last 37 games, he was short of double figures 14

"I have been trying to be more aggressive in the second half of the season and hope the other guys can pick up on that and follow my lead," said Gill, who is averaging 14 points this season, seven less than last year, when he led the team in scoring. "Tonight everyone got involved, and that's what

makes us a good team." New Jersey is now just 21/2 games behind first-place Miami in the division.

The Nets forced 10 of the Bucks' season-high 30 turnovers in building a 34-15 lead after the first quarter. Milwaukee never got closer than seven points after that. The Bucks' coach, Chris Ford, could not explain his team's ball-handling problem.

"We just beat the Cleveland Cavaliers with the same group ason. of people who played tonight and only had 11 turnovers," he his old self Monday night by said. "A lot of the turnovers were unforced, just careless possession of the ball."

The Bucks' woes came on a night when the team disclosed that point guard Terrell Brandon will have to wear. a walking cast on his sprained left ankle for two weeks.

Sam Cassell and Van Horn each scored 18 points for the Nets. Glenn Robinson had 30 points and Allen added 24 for Milwaukee.

Jazz 96, Hornets 90 Karl Malone had 23 points and 11 rebounds as Utah won its fifth straight. During the second quarter, the Jazz announced they had acquired the center Rony Seikaly from the Or-lando Magic for Greg Foster, Chris Morris and a 1998 firstround draft pick. Utah survived a big fourth quarter by Glen Rice, who scored 15 of his 30 points in the final 3:04.

Magic 85, Hawks 81 Nick Anderson matched a seasonhigh with 28 points for visiting Orlando. Danny Schayes, who started in place of Seikaly, had 10 points and 13 rebounds for the Magic. Steve Smith led the Hawks with 22 points.

Rockets 121, Clippers Hakeem Olajuwon had 21 points and 20 rebounds in Houston's victory in Los Angeles. Clyde Drexler added 25 points and Charles Barkley had 22 points for the Rockets. Drexler also had five assists to join three other National Basketball Association players with 6,000 assists and 20,000 points in a career.

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Baseball Owners Ahead, 3-0, in Wage Arbitration

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jorge Fabregas, the Arizona catcher, lost his baseball salary arbitration case Tuesday, dropping players

A three-man panel decided that Fabregas will get \$875,000 a year from the expansion Diamondbacks rather than \$1.5

Arizona's fourth selection in the expansion draft, Fabregas hit .258 for the Chicago White Sox last season, with 7 homers and 51 runs batted in in 360 at-bats. He made \$275,000.

Jeffrey Hammonds, the Baltimore outfielder who had been scheduled for a hearing Tuesday, agreed in the morning to a \$7 million, three-year contract. Hammonds, who made \$490,000 last season, had asked for \$1.85 million in arbitration and Baltimore had offered \$1.3 million. He hit .264 last season with 21 homers and 55 RBIs in 397 at-bats.

On Tuesday, Houston agreed to one-year contracts with outfielder Carl Everett (\$950,000) and shortstop Ricky Gutierrez (\$800,000). Bernie Williams tops the list of players scheduled for hearings this week, the final week of arbitration hearings.

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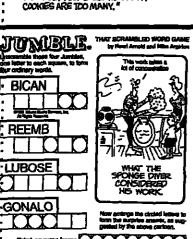
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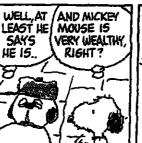
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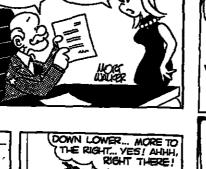




















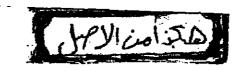


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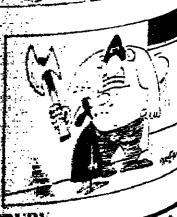
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In Victory, 'Smiling Harada' Weeps - Japan's Ski Jump Hero at Last

By Christopher Clarey International Herald Tribune

HAKUBA, Japan — Masahiko Harada was famons for smiling when he lost. On Tuesday, he cried when he won.

Harada, known in Japan and everywhere else that ski jumping matters as "Smiling Harada," was not the only hero of Japan's snow-coated and emotional victory in the Olympic team jumping competition, but he was the hero who

took the good news the hardest. He was in tears as soon as he had jumped 137 meters (450 feet) in the second and final round — to tie the hill record set earlier in the run by his teammate, Takanobu Okabe — sobbing on equivalent of spring cleaning as Japan his teammates' shoulders. And when a got superb performances and two hill broadcast team pointed a camera in his direction for his reaction to the 100th gold medal in Japan's long and not always illustrious Winter and Summer Olympic history, Harada was far beyond words again. He tried his best, but tears were all he could produce.

Outside the Hakuba Ski Jumping Sta-dium, his fellow citizens did the talking

"All of Japan's people were hoping for success in these Olympics, but they final jump of the competition. Needing "I jumped beyond were especially hoping for success in the ski jumping," explained Jiri Iemori, a middle-aged man from Tokyo who braved a snowstorm without a ticket for the chance to get close to something memorable.

Japan's fourth gold medal in these Olympics will be difficult to forget. iding into the second and final round, the heavily favored Japanese were lying in fourth place, largely because Harada had recorded one of the day's shortest jumps (79.5 meters) and added a few more bones to his closetful of skeletons.

But the second and final round was the records from its four jumpers to leap into first place and win its first Olympic team

jumping title with a total of 933 points.

The silver medal went to Germany, the defending Olympic champion, with 897.4 points and the bronze to Austria, the first-round leader, and its new star, Andreas Widhoelzl — who soared to

136.5 meters — with 881.5. In Lillehammer, Norway, in 1994, final jump of the competition. Needing only an average effort, he delivered the shortest jump of the entire competition and Japan settled for silver. He faltered again under pressure on the last jump of the normal hill event here on Feb. 11, blowing his lead and a medal.

After he flopped again in Tuesday's first round in admittedly difficult conditions — heavy snow and poor visibility - Harada was beginning to look like a goat of Olympian proportions.

"After my first jump, I started thinking about Lillehammer again," Harada said later in a news conference, in which he only broke down once. "I honestly thought the same thing could happen But this time, Harada was not the final

jumper for his team, even though he had been lobbying the national coach, Man-abu Ono, for the honor. Instead, Ono sagely picked Kazuyoshi Funaki, the phenom who won the large hill event on

Japan's first jumper of the final round was Okabe, who set the new hill record the snow as his tearful teammates dashed of 137 meters and immediately put his toward him and the crowd of about

"I jumped beyond my own strength, and there was one person who made me feel I had to do the best," said Okabe, delivering the best backhanded compliment of these Games.

"That was Mr. Harada on the first mp," he said.

After Hiroya Saito had maintained Japan's lead and Harada had seized a piece of his younger teammate's new hill record, the final cycle of jumpers began. The Japanese jumped in 13th position all day, which was ominous stuff to Americans but not to them - 13 has no negative connotations here. When Funaki finally took flight in the heavy snow that had delayed the start of the event by 30 minutes, he needed only 90.4 points

to give Japan a piece of the gold.

With his ski tips practically behind his ears, the 22-year-old from Sapporo did much better than that.

After his 126-point final effort, Ja-pan's margin of victory was more than points, and when the results flashed on the board, Funaki fell backward into own hill record for volume.

"The pressure was not tangible on the second jump, but I felt overwhelmed," Funaki said. "It was incredibly heavy." In the 15 previous Winter Olympics to which Japan sent a team, it won a total of

three gold medals. In Nagano it has exceeded that total in just 10 days, getting victories from the team and Funaki in ski jumping, from Hiroyasu Shimizu in the men's 500-meter speed skating event and, most surprisingly, from Tae Satoya in the women's moguls.

As of Tuesday morning, their four golds put them ahead of such traditionally successful winter nations as Austria, the Netherlands, Finland, Switzerland, France, Italy and the United States.

That Japan should overachieve is no shock. Olympic host nations often improve their medal counts. France won hree golds and nine medals in Albertville in 1992 after winning one gold and one bronze in 1988. Norway went from an already impressive nine golds and 20 medals in 1992 to an even more impressive 10 golds and 26 medals in 1994 in Lillehammer. The only recent case of

40,000 Japanese in attendance set their a winter host freezing came in 1988 in Calgary, where the Canadians did not

win a single gold.

But with five days remaining, the Japanese already have saved face and surpassed expectations, which were legitimately high in the nation's two best winter events of speed skating and ski

jumping. Japan as an unusual structure for many of its top winter athletes. As in professional life here, the corporation is often at the heart of the matter. The top speed skaters and ski jumpers, for example, often hold ceremonial posts in companies, which recruit them after they complete their studies and give them salaries that usually permit them to train full-time.

This was Japan's fourth gold medal of the Games. Four is the unlucky number in Japan — the word for four here, shi, also means death - but Jiri Iemori did not seem very concerned about his own nation's impending misfortune as he celebrated outside Hakuba Ski Jumping

"The Americans only have two gold medals?" he said. "Really? Only

It's 'a Revolution,' As Speed Skaters Shatter Records

By Ira Berkow New York Times Service

NAGANO, Japan — On the eve of the men's 10,000-meter Olympic speed skating race Tuesday, the defending "And you don't compare old NAGANO, Japan - On champion and world-record holder, the retired Boss Koss or, according to his driver's license, Johann Olav

- made a prediction. think Gianni Romme will almost have to break his leg not to win," said Koss, who was calling the race here

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here for an Australian television station. He also prognosticated that Romme would break his own record of 13 minutes, 30.55 seconds, set in the 1994 Winter Games in aesthetics. Norway, Koss's homeland.

year-and-a-half away from completing his studies.

Gianni Petrus Cornelis Romme, a strapping 6-foot, 2.5-inch (1.9-meter), 195pound (88-kilogram) Dutchman, not only won the race, but indeed broke Koss's record with a time of 13 minutes, 15.33 seconds — a stunendous 15.22 seconds ments. Just the sound of the better than Koss's mark.

. Not only that, but the man Romme was paired with, fellow Dutchman Bob De Jong - each of the 16 contestants in the race went off in pairs over the 400-meter oval decided that two can play this record-shattering game, and swept across the finish line in 13:25.76, 10.43 seconds behind Romme.

That was five seconds in the air in a gracious gesture cord. of congratulations to both the gold and silver medalists.

medal and surpassed Koss's Thursday, to win the gold. record, with a time of 13:28.19. Bart Veldkamp of ers have worn clap skates. Belgium also broke Koss's record, but he could only muster a 13:29.69, and was relegated to fourth place.

"This is great," said Koss. "We've seen some of most fantastic races in history. He seemed kind to a fault, especially since his sport has seen a remarkable technolofew years — the clap skate, which allows the skater to lift off the heel from the blade

time with new times. The skaters today look exactly the same, except they go faster."
Romme agreed that one

should not compare the new skates with, as he termed them, "normal skates." "But," he said, "there is a new dimension to the sport. In

years to come, skaters will be

even faster. This is only the eginning. There was some concern among skating aficionados that the clap skate would not only turn results in their head, but it would also affect the

"I don't want to see tech-Koss is now a medical stu-nology take away from the dent in Brisbane, Australia, a quiet and fine coordination, which is the special beauty of speed skating," said Gerard Kewkers, a coach for the United States national speed skating team.

The grace and beauty is still there - a difference of 15 seconds over a period of 13-plus minutes hardly seems a crucial change in those eleskates is slightly different

In Lillehammer, Norway, in 1994, Koss won three gold medals and set world records in the 1500-meter race, the 5,000 meters and the 10,000

In the first two of those events, his world record had been broken prior to the Olympics. Romme broke it last December in a World Cup ahead of Koss's 1994 record. event. Each of 5,000-meter Koss, who was seated in the medalists in these Games, inbroadcast booth, thrust his fist cluding Romme, broke his re-

Koss's 1.500-meter record was toppled two years ago. Rintje Ritsma, yet a third The last to surpass it, Aadne Dutchman, took the bronze Sondral of Norway, did it last All of those record break-

> Romme's previous best in the 10,000 was 13:46.44, so he wiped that out by more than 31 seconds.

The best American finish in the 10,000 meters was by K. C. Boutiette of the United States, who came in at 13:44.03, setting a record for Americans. Boutlette also



Chae Ji Hoon of South Korea, right foreground, falling and creating a pileup in the semifinal Tuesday of the men's 1,000-meter short-track speed skating. Andrew Gabel, an American, came from behind to win the race.

In This Korean War, Someone Won

South Holds Off China as North and U.S. Fade in Women's Semifinal

By Kevin Sullivan hington Post Service

NAGANO, Japan - The four main adversaries in the Korean War of 1950-1953 battled again Tuesday night, 45 ears after the cease-fire, and the Americans got blown away.

North Korea, South Korea, China and the United States raced head-to-head in the tragedies and victories of the past, short-track speed skating, an Olympic

SHORT-TRACK SPEED SKATING

sport that is part roller derby and part rugby — a confusing clash of 16 tough women in helmets slicing around a small rink and speeding each other along with good stiff shoves. Olympic historians say it was a first:

Never before had those four nations faced off in a single competition. The event was a semifinal of the women's 3,000-meter relay, a four-minute sprint between four teams of four skaters

each who push and lean and fight for position while sprinting on skates. Unlike the Korean War, which was fought essentially to a stalemate with China and North Korea on one side and the United States and South Korea on the

other, this race had a winner. South Korea won big, and China finished second, more than a full lap ahead of the last-place Americans. The North Koreans, who invaded the South in June 1950, were not much of a factor this time, finishing a harmless third.

Just seeing athletes from those four countries on the ice together, racing

shoulder to shoulder with thousands of supporters cheering, brought out the different from the long-track event. The dreamer in everyone.

different from the long-track event. The longer track is about 122 meters (400)

'It's a coincidence, but it's symbolic: Let's make peace," said Choe Kwan Ik, a spokesman for the Chosen Soren, an influential organization of North Koreans in Japan.

"We are fellow countrymen, sharing regardless of political systems." Choe said. "We share the same blood, the same culture."

Chun Kun Ho, a telecommunications executive from Seoul, was 2 years old when North Korean guerrillas killed his father in July 1950, a month after the war started. On Tuesday night, he sat with a large group of South Koreans, many waving both the South Korean and North Korean flags. In South Korea that could be a felony under South Korea's strict laws against supporting the North.

But to Chun, it seemed only natural: 'I am really sorry that Korea is still the only country to be divided after the war. It is political; the people themselves don't feel they are enemies. I wish we could be one team.'

The four nations that competed Tuesday do not do much of anything together. It took more than two years to get them to hold talks last December about formally ending the Korean War, which is still technically on because it ended with a cease-fire and not a peace treaty

On Tuesday, China and South Korea went ahead from the start; the North Koreans faded, and the Americans were

Short-track speed skating is vastly feet) long, and skaters cruise at nearly 65 kilometers (40 miles) per hour.

The short track is only 110 meters around. Skaters wear helmets and padded gloves because of the bumping and collisions in a sport known for its unpredictable and often chaotic nature. In the relay, the clock is not a factor. The first team across the finish line wins.

For many Koreans, from North and from South, it didn't seem to matter which team that was.

"This is not political; we're here to have fun," said S. J. Kimm, an executive from Samsung who was leading a delegation of about 100 customers to the

'We are from the same blood, so we might as well root for each other. ■ South Korea Wins Final

In the final of the relay, South Korea, the defending Olympic champion, edged China as both broke the world record, The Associated Press reported. South Korea won in 4 minutes, 16.26

seconds to China's 4:16.383. Canada, the 1992 gold medalist, took the bronze in 4:21.205. In the men's 1,000 meters, Kim Dong-

Sung, the 1997 world champion from South Korea, trailed most of the race but stuck his skate blade across the finish line to edge Li Jiajun of China.

Kim was timed at 1:32.375 seconds to Li's 1:32.428. Eric Bedard of Canada was third in 1:32.661.

Germans Rejoice After Sweeping Women's Event

By Bob Baum The Associated Press

HAKUBA, Japan — Under a cascade of snowflakes that fell like confetti, Katja Seizinger and her German teammates rejoiced on a medal, in 2:41.50. mountainside far from home, hugging and waving their skis and hurling bouquets to cheering spectators.

Seizinger won her second gold medal in as many days, but there was far more

ALPINE SKIING

for her and her teammates to celebrate: Her nation had won its first sweep in an Olympic Alpine skiing event.

That's why the joy," Seizinger said after leading the sweep Tuesday of the women's combined event.

'The head coach was nearly crying. It's such an un- stand, all three medalists believable feeling. Four years ago, we saw the Norwegians do it' in the men's combined, 'and now we are in the same position. You can't describe this feeling."

"Three Germans on the podium. It's unbelievable," said Martina Ertl, the silver to the spectators, many of them

When the favorite in the event, Pernilla Wiberg of Sweden, slipped and fell five gates from the finish of the first of the day's two combined slalom runs, the way was cleared for the Germans.

"Sometimes," Seizinger said, "you need a little luck." The snow Tuesday caused no problem for the short slalom race, though it fell in a Course I, site of the men's thick, constant curtain through the two runs.

After Olympic organizers crammed three weatherdelayed races into Monday's program, the Alpine competition is back on schedule.

The scene now shifts to Shiga Kogen 110 kilometers (70 miles) away for the giant sialom and sialom races. There, the incomparable Alberto Tomba of Italy will try to win a medal for an unprecedented fourth Olympics.

Seizinger, who had a 34-second lead over the secondplace Wiberg after the com-bined downhill Monday, won the gold with an overall time of 2 minutes, 40.74 seconds. lom on Thursday.

Ertl, a favorite for the women's giant slalom Friday, was .18 behind the winner. Hilde Gerg overtook Stefanie Schuster of Austria on the final slalom run to take the bronze, her first Olympic

Seizinger, whose first Olympic gold came in the 1994 downhill, won the downhill again Monday. Her combined victory 24 hours later made her the second woman ever to win three golds in Olympic Alpine ski-ing. Vreni Schneider of Switzerland won the slalom in 1988 and 1994 and the gi-

ant slalom in 1988. But it was the German sweep, only the fourth by any country in Olympic Alpine skiing, that ignited the wild

First, there were hugs with the coaches. On the victory thrust their skis into the air in inbilation, then hugged each other just before they were presented with flowers.

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Afterward, they jumped off the stand and dashed toward the cheering crowd. Seizinger and Ertl hurled their bouquets waving German flags. Gerg chose to go to the volunteers. throwing her flowers to them

in a gesture of thanks.
Wiberg, the silver medalist in the downhill Monday, gold medalist in the 1994 combined and gold medalist in the 1992 giant slalom, was the first down the slalom run, which was set on the steep lower face of Olympic downhill.

Five gates from the finish, at the end of a series of quick turns, her skis sailed out from under her and she fell. "I straddled a gate; that's a normal mistake in slalom,'

down, I saw the finish line too early maybe." While Wiberg had the bad luck. Seizinger has everything going for her after starting her Olympic experi-

ence in Nagano slowly with a

she said. "When I came

disappointing sixth in the Su-per-G last week. She will race in the giant slalom Friday giant slalom, but is not sure about the sla-



Rintje Ritsma of the Netherlands skating to bronze in the men's 10,000 meters.

Fog Stops Men's 10-Kilometer Race

NOZAWA ONSEN, Japan — Barely able to see through the fog, the biathletes skied through swirling, slushy snow to the firing line. There they fumbled with their rifles and took uncertain aim at the small targets 50 meters away.

Finally, after 391/2 minutes, a range official threw up his hands and called off the BIATHLON

10-kilometer sprint — the first time since 1972 an Olympic biathlon competition had been halted by bad weather. One strong medal contender, Frode Andresen of Norway, had missed four of five targets during his first shooting. . men's 20-kilos. The race will be restarted Wednesday. in the contest.

known for its rapidly changing weather. of the technical delegation for the Inter-skied for each missed shot.

Heavy snowfall had earlier marred the wom-

national Biathlon Union. He said fog density at the shooting range varied too much to give all an even chance of hitting the targets.

Sixteen of the 73 competitors had crossed the finish line when officials deemed that conditions had deteriorated too much. Vodicar, a former biathlete and coach, said that 24 hours would be enough for those who had skied the full 10 kilometers

to regain their strength. Biathletes are regarded as among the most aerobically fit of winter sportsmen, having to switch quickly from power skiing to total composure for the shooting.
Officials said the last time a halt was called to an Olympic biathlon was at the

men's 20-kilometer race was stopped early In the 10-kilometer race, competitors en's 15-kilometer sprint at this ski resort carry 22-caliber rifles and 10 rounds of ammunition. They stop twice to fire at five "Point No. I is to have equal conditions for targets, once in a prone position and once all athletes," said Yanez Vodicar, chairman while standing. A 150-meter penalty loop is

1972 games in Sapporo, Japan, when the



Katja Seizinger, center, celebrating Tuesday with her German teammates Martina Erti. left. and Hilde Gerg-

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U.S. Women's Team Takes First-Ever Go where events of speed skains. Subject events of speed skating at Beating Canada, 3-1 Takes First-Ever Gold,

By Rachel Alexander Washington Post Service

NAGANO, Japan — Karyn Bye was standing there Tuesday, in the middle of the ice, with the rest of her teammates jumping wildly around her. The United States had just become the first ever Olympic gold medalists in women's hockey with a 3-1 victory over Canada, and the American flag that has hung in Bye's room since her junior year of high school was wrapped around her

shoulders like a hug.
The scene at Big Hat was spectacular, so much like the end of a stirring movie. that the 8,626 fans in attendance kept their eyes peeled, waiting for the credits to roll. Only this time it was real.

The United States had beaten the favored Canadians, the four-time de-fending world champions, in the most important women's hockey game ever played. Bitter rivals but partners in history, the two teams sparred throughout

WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY

the game, with the Americans taking a 2-0 lead before the Canadians stormed back in the third period to tighten the gap to 2-1. But with less than a minute to go and the Canadian goaltender on the bench, forward Sandra Whyte slipped down the left side of the ice and took a long shot into Canada's empty goal. By the time the puck reached the back of the netting, the victory was the Americans', and their lives had changed forever.

We do not have a National Hockey League for women's hockey, so this was our chance, maybe for a lifetime, to show how great hockey can be," said Sue Merz, an American defenseman. "I've seen the 'Miracle on Ice' of Team USA in 1980 on TV, and I had the memory of that moment in the back of my head when we went out on the ice for this gold medal game."

This game did not have the global political implications of the Miracle on ice, and the women on the U.S. team are not the unknowns that the 1980 teammates Jim Craig, Mike Eruzione and Bill Baker were. But Tuesday's game had a significance of its own, and every player on the ice knew it. Each had been told at least once in her life that she couldn't play, and many remember scraping by for years on boys' teams because there was nowhere else to go. Women have been competing in world getting their sport full-medal status at these Olympics was an uphill battle.

That may be why, win or lose, everyna naged s one seemed transfixed when an International Olympic Committee member, Anita DeFranz, stepped toward the U.S. captain, Cammi Granato, at the beginning of the medal ceremony. Granato, aware she was about to receive the E-1 - in loss sport's first Olympic gold medal, began gulping for breath, her shoulders heav-German der fe ing. After DeFranz placed the precious disc around her neck, Granato loo and buried her face in her hands. disc around her neck, Granato looked up

"It was a real empty feeling to lose," said the Canada coach, Shannon Miller. "But when they showed Cammi THE RESERVE TO THE PARTY OF THE Granato's face on the big screen and the medal around her neck, my feelings medal was being hung around the neck of a female bockey plant of a female hockey player, and I couldn't believe the effect it had a man it had a

Until then, Miller and the Canadian players had been a collection of emotional wrecks, shocked into submission The second second in the second secon by the enormity of what had just happened to them. Canada has won every major game played in women's



Sarah Tueting, the United States goalie, jumping for joy at the end of the women's hockey final on Tuesday.

ice hockey in the last decade. The United States had vastly improved over the last five years, although the Canadians edged the Americans, 7-6, in a 13-game exhibition series leading up to Olympics. There was still the overwhelming feeling, shared with the Canadian men's team, that hockey was their game, their religion.

Saturday, when the United States came from behind with six unanswered goals to defeat Canada, 7-4, in a round-robin game. The animosity between the teams also grew that night, when players exchanged words and accusations after the post-game handshakes.

But that game; played after the participants of the gold medal game were already determined, didn't mean much. Tuesday's game did, and the Canadians knew it.

Less than a minute after the final buzzer sounded, they lined up on the blue line near their bench, their helmets still on and their sticks in their hands. At the time, the Americans were still piling off their bench and into a big heap near the center of the ice, one player's tears melting into another's. With gloves and sticks tossed about the ice like litter and bodies flying into each other in congratulations, the U.S. side of the rink looked like a fraternity party. The Canadian side looked like a funeral.

"Our hearts definitely went out to them, but there have been so many times before when we've been on that side of it with the silver medal," Granato said.

"The last time they won at the World Championships, I looked over to Lisa Brown-Miller and said, 'are we ever going to do this?"

They listened to the "Star-Spangled Banner" on Tuesday. Time and time again, conversations and thoughts went back to the Miracle on Ice, which many of these players saw at the young, im-

Victoria Movsessian remembers go-ing into her second-grade class the following week and telling all her friends she was the stick girl for the U.S. team, just because she had pretended it so often she thought it might be true.

Bye remembers playing floor hockey with her brother in the basement and doing the fake announcer voice as she



HEAT BUILDS FOR ICE SKATERS — Tara Lipinski, the American figure skater, using a rink wall to stretch Tuesday while she watched other skaters during a practice in Nagano, Japan.

An Olympic Dream Rests With U.S. Skater

Gold Medal for Kwan Could End Coach's 38 Years of Frustrations

By Jere Longman
New York Times Service

TAGANO, Japan — He has coached figure skating for 38 years, becoming more familiar than he ever wanted with great expec-

tation and heartbreaking letdown.
Finally, at 59, Frank Carroll may win
his Olympic gold medal with Michelle

He coached Linda Fratianne when she lost the gold medal in 1980, in what many believe was an outcome rigged by

FIGURE SKATING Cold War shenanigans. And he coached

Christopher Bowman, whose immense talent was squandered by alcohol and

drugs.

With Kwan, he does not have to worry about bloc voting or personal indiscretion. At 17, she is the most sophisticated and complete female skater in the world; if she skates her best in the short program Wednesday and the free skate Friday, she will win.

"Only Michelle can lose," said Car-

of Heiss-Jenkins, the 1960 Olympic champion from the United Staes. Carroll has coached her in Lake Ar-

rowhead, California, for five years. When Kwan answers questions, she often looks to him for security and affirmation.

They often finish each other's sentences. At the recent national championships, Carroll said, "We don't think about gold," to which Kwan re-sponded, "We dream about gold." If Carroll does not allow himself to

think too much about gold, it stems from the disappointment of the 1980 Winter Games in Lake Placid, New York. Fratianne was the defending world cham-pion, but she finished third in compulsory figures and could climb no higher than the silver medal despite winning the short program and long program.

After Carroll's vehement complaints,

the figure-eight tracings of compulsory figures were reduced in importance and finally eliminated in 1990. But that hardly soothed his indignation about Fratianne's defeat. To this day, Carroll and others believe that five German-speaking judges conspired to award the women's competition to Anett Poetzsch of the then East Germany and the men's com-petition to Robin Cousins of Britain.

Cousins was coached by Carlo Fassi of Italy, a man famous and infamous for his wheeling and dealing. Fassi, who has since died, denied any jury tampering, but for years he and Carroll did not speak. Fearing that the voting would be rigged, Carroll said he even threatened to pull Fratianne out of the Lake Placid competition.

"I'm very bitter about that," said Carroll, who is otherwise an affable man. "I probably wanted to retire. It was difficult to keep going. I felt it was a done deal before it started

The shattering defeat "killed" Fratianne, and she could not bear to look at her silver medal for 15 years, Carroll

"Linda Fratianne thought she had let her country down and thought she was a failure," Carroll said. Finally, in 1995, after her mother died, Fratianne sent Carroll a commemorative pin that had come with her medal, along with a note saying she realized that she had not been a failure, he said.

"It's a sad story, but it's nice to know that she could come out of that and acknowledge she was a wonderful skater," Carroll said.

If Kwan does not win a gold medal here, Carroll said he hoped she would not suffer the same debilitating blow to

her self-esteem. Either way, he said, Kwan is already talking about continu-ing toward the 2002 Winter Games in Salt Lake City, Utah.

'Is someone's life going to be over because she didn't do a triple lutz?" Carroll said. "A kid's life can't be based on her success here.

He might have already had a gold medalist in Bowman, who is considered by many to be the most talented American figure skater ever. But Bowman's

career was ruined by his self-admitted problems with drinking and cocaine. Bowman finished seventh in the 1988 Calgary Games and kept terrorizing his roommate, Paul Wylie, by coming in late at night, jumping on the bed and screaming, "Good Morning, Vietnam!"

Carroll and Bowman said hello at Skate America last October, but the

tension between them remains.

'Are we friends? Would I go to dinner with him? No,' Carroll said.

'I don't know if Christopher has

straightened himself out. It's not his problem, it's my problem. I'm angry. I gave him a lot of years. I did what I could to help him. If he proves himself clean and sober for a period of time, maybe I can trust him. I can't see having a conversation with someone if you don't believe a word they say.

A native of Worcester, Massachusetts. Carroll began skating on a local pond. Later, as a student at Holy Cross, he would set his alarm for 3:30 A.M. and practice while the university hockey team awaited its morning practice. When he missed a jump, the hockey players booed and hissed; when he completed a flawless routine, they banged their sticks on the boards in approval. A junior-level medalist at nationals,

Carroll turned professional upon gradu-ation in 1960 and joined the Ice Follies. His salary of \$250 a week, he said, was more than his father, Thomas Carroll, had ever made as superintendent of schools in Worcester. By 1964, he had become a full-time coach and bit-part actor in Los Angeles, appearing in beach movies where, he said, his Irish skin was so pallid that "they had to spray me tan."
"When I'm in the Eiffel Tower in the

Jules Verne restaurant, I think, What am I doing here? I remember the pond in Worcester," Carroll said. "It's funny how life takes you in different direc-

Carroll and Kwan have had their differences, especially when she was 12 and she took the test to jump from the junior rank to senior rank without his owledge, But otherwise, Carroll sa "It's great to have an athlete who has really worked hard, who has done everything right, who is a real pleasure to be around and who is kind and thoughtful to other people.'

Perhaps because of Bowman's unhealthy diversions, Carroll has kept tight reins on Kwan. He has kept her from staying in the Olympic Village. And he ushered her away from a media scrum the other day when the conversation turned to the possibilities of a bad performance.

Two years ago, he convinced Kwan's parents that she was old enough to begin wearing makeup and performing a role as mature and dramatic as Salome.

On a whim last summer, he picked up a compact disk of a Rachmaninoff piano concerto for \$4.95. It became the dramatic accompaniment for Kwan's short program at the national championships that drew perfect artistic marks of 6 from seven of the nine judges. 'Frank has been there.' Kwan said.

"When he tells you the direction you need to go, you believe him. He showed me the path that led me to where I am

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4, Scott Koons, U.S., 1:31.110, 1. Rusty Smith, U.S., 1:33,326 (Q). 2. 1.1 Jigjun, China. 1:34.023 (Q). 1. Ham Sang, N. Korea. 1:34.220. 4. Michele Antonioli, Italy, DG.

HEAT 1 1. Satoru Teros, Japan, 1:29:398 (Q) 2. Matthew Jasper, Britoin, 1:31.798 (Q) 3. Lee Jun-Invan, S.Kores, 1:38.115 (Q) 1. Fobio Carta, Italy, 1:32.358 (Q)

3. Francois Drolet, Canada, 1:32.513 4. Martin Johansson, Sweden, 1:33.047 HEAT 3 1. Naoya Tamura, Japan, 1:29.509 (Q) 2. Eric Bedard, Canada, 1:29.622 (Q)

3. Yulong Arı, China, 1:29,784 4. Rusty Smith, U.S., 1:39,775 1. Jiajun Li, China, 1:34.510 (Q) 2. Chae Ji-haan, South Korea, 1:34.902 (Q) 3. Andrew Gabel U.S., 1:35.641 (Q) atsu, Japen, DQ SEMIPINALS

1. Andrew Gabel, U.S., 1:32,985 (Q) 2. Eric Bedard, Canada, 1:36,233 (Q) 3. Fablo Carla, Italy, 1:39,402 L Naova Tamura, Japan, 1:42,908 NEAT 2 1. Kim Dong-song, S.Korea, 1:32.036 (Q) 2. Jiojun Li, Ching, 1:32.183 (Q) 3. Matthew Jasper, Britoin, 1:32.549 4. Lee Jun-Invan, South Karea, 1:32.534

5. Satoru Teraa, Japan, 1:32.636 1, Kim Dong-sung, S. Kores, 1:32.375 2. Jiojun Li, China, 1:32.429 3. Eric Beckerd, Canada, 1:32.661

Women's 3,000m relay HEAT 1

1. Japan (jkoe Teshigawara: Chikage Tanaka: Nobuko Yamada: Sachi Ozawa) 4:24.087 CL. 2. Canada (Christine Boudries; Isabelle

4. Andrew Gabel, U.S., 1:33-518

Chorest Annie Perreault Tonia Vicent) 424.152 Q.
3. Netherlands (Anke Landman: Moureen De Lange: Melanie De Lange: Ellen Wiegers) 428.018.

HEAT 2

1. South Kores (Chun Lee-Kyung: World)

1. South Korea (Chun Les-Kyung: Won Hye-kyung: An Sang-aic Kim Yun-mi) 421.510 Q.
2. China (Yang Yang: Yang Yang Chunh: Wang: Dandon Sun) 422.342 Q.
3. North Korea (Jong Ok-myung: Ho Jong-hee; Hwang Qik-sit; Han Ryon-hui) 425.126.
4. U.S. (Caroline Hallison; Amy Peterson; Erin Porter; Cathy Turner) 4:33.352.

1. South Korea 4:16-260 (world record) 2. China 4:16-383 4. Japan 4:30.612

SKIJUMPING KIZOTEAM FIMAL 1. Jopan (Takanoby Okobe; Hiroya Salto;

Masahiko Harada: Kazuyeshi Funcki),

Martin Hoellworth: Stefan Homgaches An-4. Norway (Heaning Stensrud: Lasse Ottesens Roar Ljoeketsoey; Kristian Brenden), 870.6; S.

Finiand (Art-Pekka Nilkkoka Mika Lattiner; Janne Ahanen; Jani Soininen), 833,9; 6. Switz. (Sylvain Freihotz; Marco Steinauer; Simon Ammann; Bruno Reuteler), 735.0; 7. Czech Ren, Uskub Suchacek Frontisek Jez Michal Dolezak Jeroslav Sakaia), 710.2; 8. Pokand (Adam Mahsez Lukasz Kruczek; Wojciech Skupien: Robert Maleja), 484.2; 9. Russia (NBoloi Petrachin: Artur Khamida

Pri maz Peterka), 610.3: 11. Kazoksjan (Pavel Solduk: Alexandr Kolma ton; Stonislav Filimonov). 602.0; 12, U. S. (Al-chael Keuter; Alan Alborn; Randy Weber; Cosv Colby), 490.7; 13. S. Korea (Kirn Heu Kim Hyun-ki Chol Yong: Chol Heung), 373.8.

SPEED SKATING MEN'S 10,000M

FEMAL 1. Glorni Romme, Notherlands, 13 min

1. Giornii Romee. Notherkunds. 13 minutes. 15:33 seconds. 2. Bob de Jong. Nefn. 13:25:76. 3. Rintje Ritsma, Nefn. 13:26:19. 4. Bert Veldkamp, Belgium, 13:29:69; 5. Kjell Slarelid, Norway, 13:35:95; 6. Fronk Diffrich, Germony, 13:36:55; 7. Lasse Soethe, Norway, 13:42:94; 8. KC Boutlette, U.S., 13:44:02; 9. Roberto Sighel, fioty, 13:46:85; 10, Alexander Francourage of Germann, 13:48:41, Danse Souringorfel, Germany, 13-82.44; 11. Repe Touberrouch Germany, 13-22.10; 12. Marrit Ten Kortenoux, Austria, 13-22.20; 13. Vadim Soyutin, Russka, 13-54.57; 14. Kcill, Shirabata, Japan, 13-57.45; 15. Remi Horeide, Norway,

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 18 ALPINE SKRNO, Shiga— Meas Giant Siglom, 9:30 a.m. SLATHLON, Noz 10km, 12:15 p.m.

ICE HOCKEY, Mee Big Hat Are-no— Gostlerfinal, 245 p.m: Quarter-final, 645 p.m. Aqua Wing— Quar-terfinal, 245 p.m. Quarterfinal, 645 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEB. 19 Al PINE siting, Shiga — Wom-ea's Sicion, 9:30 a.m. BLATHLON, Nazowa 407_Skm reicy, 1 p.m.

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All times local.



IT DOESN'T GET ANY FASTER THAN THIS.



Consider it done.

By Russell Baker

NEW YORK — The year 1984 is dead and gone, but Big Brother lives.

His inescapable eye and his ever-present ear are watch-

mattress. Also your walls, light fixtures, pajamas, sleep-ing pills, hot-water bottle.

Hug a girl and his wire will make you break out in hives if you are allergic to listening machines attached to women.

Take a walk and he'll film your feet and anyone you chance to meet, poor devils, for they could end up with \$75,000 in lawyer's bills to fend off indictment for meeting a man on the street. A man who was being watched.

George Orwell, who created Big Brother in his novel "1984," envisioned the everwatching monster as a political tyrant. Orwell loved democit. Living in an age of tyrants, he thought 20th-century technology could produce indestructible political dictators.

He was wrong about this. It was the new technology that made tyranny on the Soviet model obsolete. Still, there are tyrannies and tyrannies. A sophy. For lesser mortals world in which surveillance is inescapable cannot be everyone's dream of a democratic umph comes when you phone

And the surveillance is not confined to officially authorized busybodies like the FBI. Kenneth Starr and your local cop with his radar gun.

It was a private citizen with his own video camera who photographed the Los Angeles police beating Rodney King. Such cameras are everywhere

nowadays. Pick your nose and you could wind up in The Na-

onal Enquirer.

President Clinton's immediate pickle results because Monica Lewinsky, apparently a compulsive gasbag, talked and talked

ing, listening.

Use the phone and he'll tape your talk.

Go to bed and he'll bug your calls is to stay off the telephone and is to stay off the telephone and not talk face-to-face to anyone who refuses to be frisked for hidden radios. As for cell phones, no sane

person will say anything of the slightest consequence on them. You might as well broadcast it on network television, as Prince Charles discovered when the British press published his cell-phone chatter with the woman he loved.

I hear it said that people who have nothing to hide need not fear this strangulating technology of surveillance. And where are they these people with nothing to hide? As the political genius Wil-

lie Stark observes in Robert tyrant. Orwell loved democ-racy, but was pessimistic about novel, "All the King's Men," man is conceived in sin, born in corruption and goes from the stink of the didy to the stench of the shroud. "There

is something on everybody.' Kenneth Starr has spent years and millions illustrating the truth of Willie's philoamong us, the terrible evidence of Big Brother's tria faraway catalogue house and find that a clerk knows your full name, address, phone number and which movie you rented last Tuesday.

But this is progress. We must not whine about progress. Big Brother, we thank thee for knowing us so com-

New York Times Service

'Bridget Jones's Diary': Romance in the '90s

By Warren Hoge New York Times Service

ONDON - She is a thirtysomething single Londoner with a messy life who dates losers, can't quit smoking and drinks too much but still managed to lose 72 pounds last year. The same year she gained 74.

Her diary has made her the best friend of hundreds of thousands of British women who recognize her closet drawers crammed with a fury of black opaque pantyhose twisted into ropelike tangles with speckles of tissue as their own, or at least their next-door neighbor's. Her name, Bridget Jones, has become shorthand for the compulsive conduct of young women braving continually collapsing bridges to self-improvement yet trying to maintain an amused perspective on that fraught space between bounding hope and tumbling defeat.

"Bridget Jones's Diary" has been the best-selling novel in Britain for six months and has the British Book Award for Book of the Year.

It has brought success unheard of in Bridget's own beset life to her creator, Helen Fielding, a 39-year-old writer who first turned her anti-heroine loose in a newspaper tales of her gloriously sloppy life to America.

July by Viking Penguin.

Since marriage has proved no more lasting nor men any more disposed to commitment in Britain than in the United States, there are more than a million single or divorced women in their 30s here. Virtually all of them may have read the book, since sales of the diary, predominantly to women, have topped

Discussing the phenomenon over coffee in her spartan West London walk-up, Fielding said, "I was really, really surprised at all the women who wrote in saying they identified with Bridget because a lot of her thoughts are very paranoid, and when you realize that so many women have the same thoughts, it's massively reassuring but at the same time alarming." She widened her eyes and cocked her head.
"We're all mad," she hissed.

In recent decades, popular women's literature in Britain has moved from soft-focus adventures and "clogs and shawls" village green romances to bodice rippers and sex and shopping books by authors whose heavily made-up faces often double as cover art. "Bridget Jones's Diary"

seems to have ushered in a new phase.

"What we're seeing now," said Fanny Blake, a free-lance writer specializing in the publishing industry, "is the growth of a brave new women's fiction humorously and realistically addressing themes recognizable to women trying to make



column two years ago and will now send the Helen Fielding, the voice of Bridget Jones, in her kitchen in London.

The book, published here by Picador and already in 20 their way in their 20s and 30s: often career women with foreign editions, will be published in the United States in disposable income, unable to find either a heterosexual man or anything in the fridge."

The book and the column recount Bridget's life in a format that begins each day with a judgmental totting up of number of calories consumed, cigarettes smoked, alcohol "units" imbibed, lottery instant tickets bought and weight gained.

("From where? Why? Why?")

Time entries clock the painfully procrastinating progress of her day with periodic alarms at the doleful emptiness of others. her life compared with the overflowing fullness of others. "9:30 A.M. Cannot face thought of entire Sunday stretching ahead with everyone else in the world except me in bed with someone giggling and having sex.

No reverie is deep enough not to be dropped instantly with the exclamation, "Ooh goody, telephone." Disasters never stop occurring; those reaching crisis call for summit meetings at the local pub with her two best girlfriends, Jude and Shazzer, and her gay friend, Tom, whose sepulchral-voiced counsel is always, "Only women bleed." Over cigarettes and pints, they vow to give up smoking and drinking and

develop "inner poise. The sheer awfulness of men over 30 provokes frenzies of outrage. They are described as "stupid, smug, arrogant, manipulative" and worse. "They exist in a total Culture of Entitlement. Pass me one of those mini-pizzas, will you?"

blue and foaming because she left detergent in the blender. She goes to the gym just to buy sandwiches and won't go near a dressing room. 'Everyone stares sneakily at each other's bodies, but no one ever meets anyone's eye. There are always girls who know that they look fantastic in everything and dance around beaming, swinging their hair and doing model poses in the mirror saying Does it make me look fat?' to their obligatory obese friend who looks like a water buffalo in everything."

Her world is divided in two parts,

singletons vs. smug marrieds. The smug marrieds are the ones who on spotting a singleton imitate the ticking sound of a body clock. The singletons are the ones close to Fielding's heart. "I think 'singleton' is a very useful word to describe yourself if you're not married: much better than spinster or backelor," she said. "Everyone now thinks that 'bachelor' means gay scoutmaster. And spinster is this tragic Miss Havisham-like person who's going to end up 55 in a jersey lilac dressing gown with 15 cats imagining that the vicar is

in love with her."

A 1979 graduate of Oxford, Fielding worked in television for 10 years before writing a novel and becoming a feature writer at The Independent, where an editor asked

her to base a column on her own life. She opted for an alter ego. "You can be so much more houest if it's not supposed to be your own life," she said. "You can shamelessly detail exactly what goes on in the three hours between waking up and leaving for work late."

After the first columns, she thought: "This is self-con-scious, stupid, who wants to read this? Then people started to say they liked it, and, being, as my agent says, as shallow as a puddle, I immediately admitted it was me since it was praise." Now she is composing the screen version of the diary, writing a sequel with a May deadline and continuing to do the weekly column, now in The Daily Telegraph.

Ask about Bridget, and Fielding lights up, moving into a girl-talk confessional position at the edge of the sofa and lashing a mischievously dimpled smile. "I'm very fond of Bridget," she says unnecessarily. "The thing I love about her is she is never bitter, and she doesn't blame anyone else.

She's always optimistic and picks herself up."

The material can't run out. "My friends are very good and rill always ring when something useful happens," she said.
'One of them just told me about a girl who got a phone call from a man saying, 'You're having a shower, aren't you?' and she immediately covered herself up and thought there must be some pervert looking in the window. And she said, 'How do you know?' and the man said, 'Because the water is ipping through my ceiling.'

hese days in Britain, this would be pronounced a perfect Bridget is a cook who sees her veloute of tomato come out Bridget Jones moment.



Elton John at Studio 54: Good-bye Yellow Brick Road. sports hall. They will then go to Budapest, on singing. The musicians couldn't read him as saying.

PEOPLE

I gency surgery to replace her left hip, the 97-year-old Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother left King Edward VII Hospital in London on Tuesday. The crowd of 150 outside the hospital burst crowd of 150 outside the Moral Pierro and London on Tuesday. The crowd of 150 outside the hospital burst crowd of 150 outside the hospital b into applause as the Queen Mum made her own way to her waiting car. She waved to the crowd, leaning on a silver-topped walking stick. Then, holding the Strip resort, a major part of a \$700 million renovation. Gone was the resteps to the sidewalk and got into her car. A nurse who accompanied her handed her a bouquet of yellow flowers. "She is MGM Grand's chief executive, Alex doing wonderfully." grandson Prince Yemenidjian, said. He said the concert Charles told Independent Television News. "She is amazing."

Led Zeppelin veterans Robert Plant and Jimmy Page were in Zagreb, Croatia, on Tuesday, preparing to kick off their

THREE weeks after undergoing emer-gency surgery to replace her left hip. Sofia and Istanbul. The tour is to promote memory, managed to maintain order.

Elton John performed, but the real star of the AIDS benefit was the MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas. John's concert marked the opening of the new Studio 54 nightclub at the Las Vegas sort's Wizard of Oz motif at its main entrance. "This isn't Oz anymore," lion for the AIDS Foundation.

New York just as the soprano Kathleen Battle's was singing an aria from under control. Newsweek said that based second tour together since the rock group disbanded. HINA press agency said that of the Minnesota Orchestra, led by Eiji sacrifice amounts to about \$50 million. "I they would begin the tour on Saturday Oue. Battle, who has a reputation for feel like a chump every time I discuss with a concert in Zagreb's Dom Sportova temperament, proved a trouper and kept waiving my deal," the magazine quoted

memory, managed to maintain order. "We all have that piece memorized. It's like walking to your kitchen in the dark," he said.

The Australian supermodel Elle Macpherson gave birth to a boy over the weekend in New York. The baby was named Arpad Flynn Busson after his father, the Daily Telegraph of Sydney said, and his parents will call him Flynn.

James Cameron, the director of "Titanic," could get a lot more than just accolades for his stunningly successful film. Newsweek reports that studio heads are so jubilant over box-office receipts The lights went out at Carnegie Hall in they are considering paying Carneron fees that he agreed to waive to keep costs Verdi's "Attila" to the accompaniment on box-office receipts to date, Cameron's

Rauschenberg Works Seized In Legal Dispute With Creditor

New York Times Service

NEW YORK — Fifteen works of art by Robert Rauschenberg were removed from the walls of the Menil Collection in Houston by deputies carrying out a court order in a suit against the artist by a creditor.

The art — a group of paintings, photographs, collages, prints and sculptures — was part of a retrospective of Rauschenberg's work running through May 17.

The deputies, from the Harris County Constable's Office, were following orders from a state District Court in

Austin, which allowed the work to be seized to help collect \$5.5 million owed to Alfred Kren, an art dealer from Austin and a consultant for the Austin Art Consortium. Kren says the artist owes him for unpaid commissions.

The value of the seized works has not been determined. Unless Rauschenberg pays the money, the seized works, on loan from the artist's collection, will be sold at

auction, said Eric Tanbe, Kren's lawyer. Rauschenberg refused to appear before an Austin court to respond to the lawsuit. Then, a hearing was held and a judge ruled that Rauschenberg owed Kren the money. On Jan. 9, the court ordered the constable to seize any

property of Rauschenberg's in Texas. Theodore Kheel, Rauschenberg's lawyer, called the seizures "a pressure device to force a settlement."





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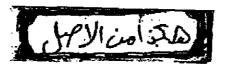
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